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JERRY SIEGEL
and
JOE SHUSTER

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THE ARMED BATTALIONS OF TORAN UNEEXPECTEDLY SWOOP DOWN UPON A LESSER NATION, GAUDIA.



Daily Star

**EUROPE
AT WAR!!**

DAWN ATTACK
SWEEPS OVER
ALL OPPOSITION

WARRING POWER
GIRD FOR LONG

EDITORIAL OFFICE OF THE DAILY STAR

CLARK AND LOIS I WANT BOTH OF YOU TO GO TO LUXOR AT ONCE AS WAR CORRESPONDENTS!

SWELL! I'VE HOPED FOR A VACATION FOR A LONG TIME!

IF YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO ENJOY IT BETWEEN DUCKING BOMBS, YOU'LL BE LUCKY!



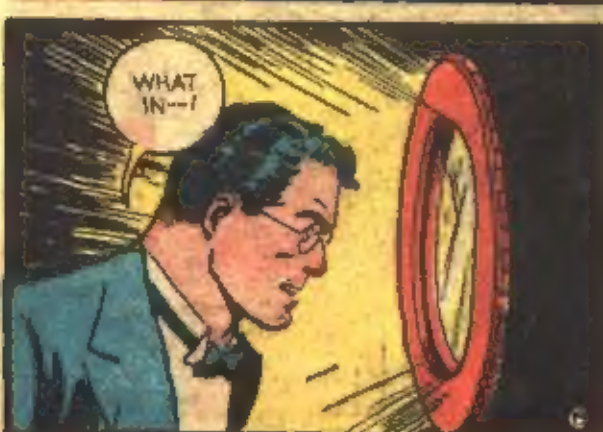
AND SO WHEN THE STEAMER, BARONTA, SETS OUT TO SEA, LOIS AND CLARK ARE PASSENGERS ABOARD.

I-I WONDER IF WE SHOULD HAVE REFUSED THIS ASSIGNMENT IT'S LIABLE TO PROVE--ER--DANGEROUS

WHY DID THEY HAVE TO SEND THIS WET BLANKET ALONG TO RUIN MY PERFECT ADVENTURE?









AS THEY DRIVE TOWARD LAVERNE MANOR THAT NIGHT...

I SUPPOSE YOU'LL STICK SO CLOSE TO MISS LAVERNE I WON'T CATCH SIGHT OF YOU ALL NIGHT.

SMALL CHANCE! WE'LL BE LUCKY IF SHE'LL ADMIT US!

MR. KENT, I'M SO DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU! AND I WAS AFRAID YOU WOULD NOT COME!

HUH? ("SAY! WHY DON'T SHE MAKE UP HER MIND WHETHER OR NOT SHE CARES TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME?")

COME WITH ME! I'VE SO MUCH TO SAY TO YOU!

YOU HAVE?

AND NOW THAT WE'RE ALONE--TELL ME ALL ABOUT YOURSELF!

THERE'S NOT MUCH TO SAY. I--

THEN TELL ME ABOUT THE GREAT NATIONS. DO YOU THINK THEY ARE IN SYMPATHY WITH TORAN? INVASION OF GALONIA.

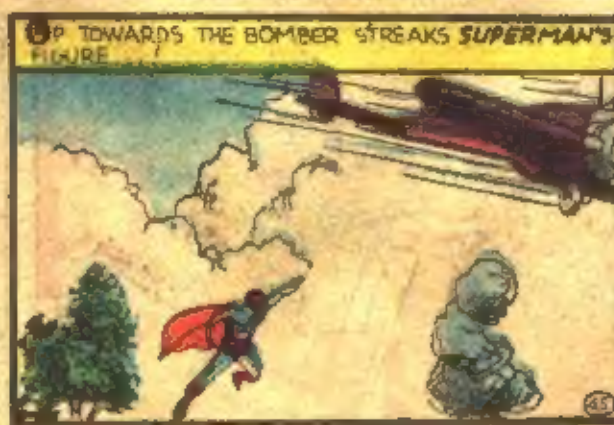
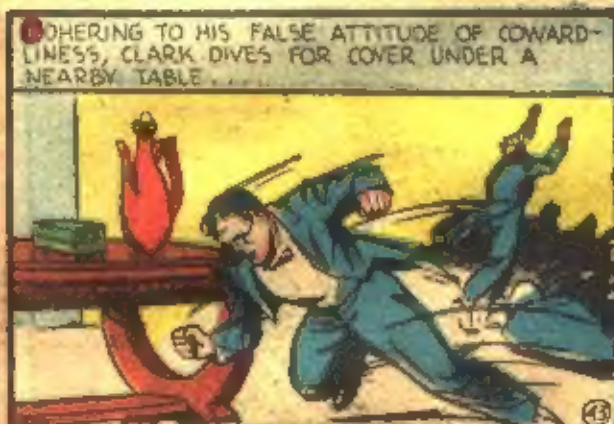
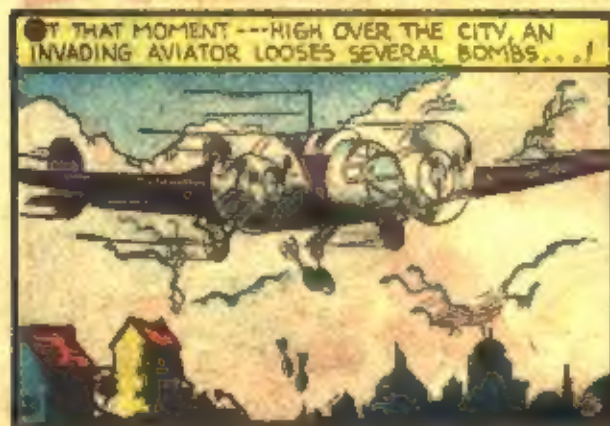
("NOW SHE'S GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS!")

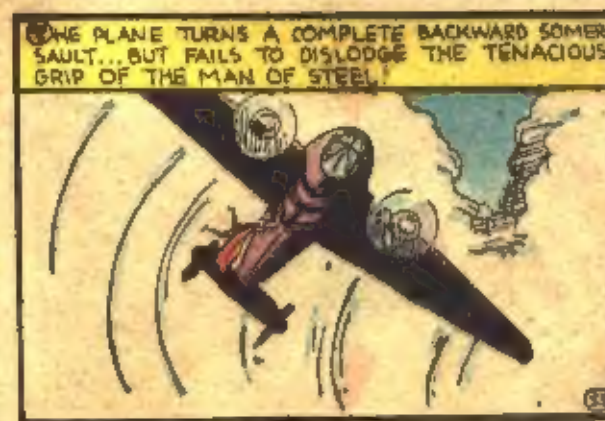
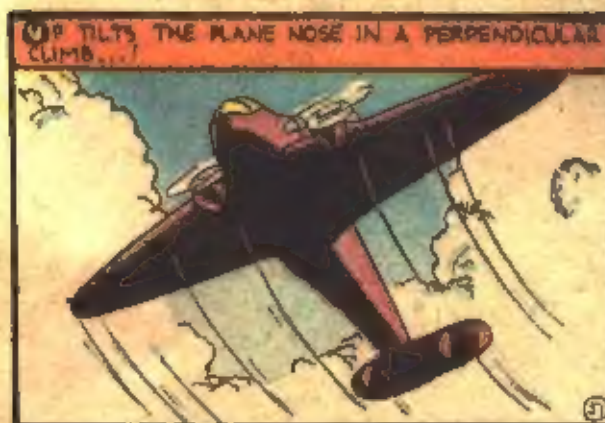
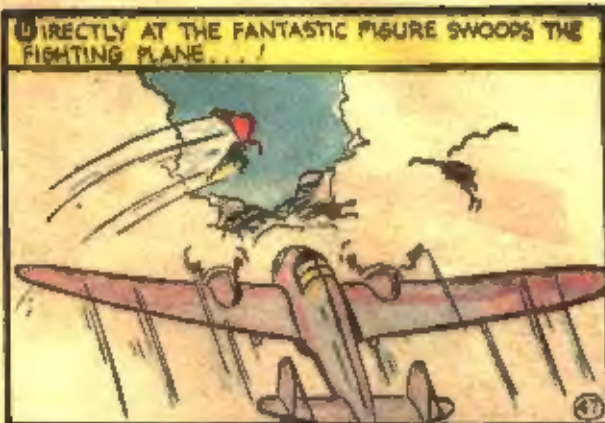
THE DEMOCRACIES ARE DEFINITELY OPPOSED TO AGGRESSOR NATIONS.--ANY MORE QUESTIONS?

YOU MUST EXCUSE ME--AS HOSTESS, I MUST LOOK AFTER MY GUESTS.

SURELY!

SO SHE'S ALREADY FOUND SOMEONE ELSE TO PUMP! THERE'S NO DOUBT OF IT! THAT GIRL IS A SPY!





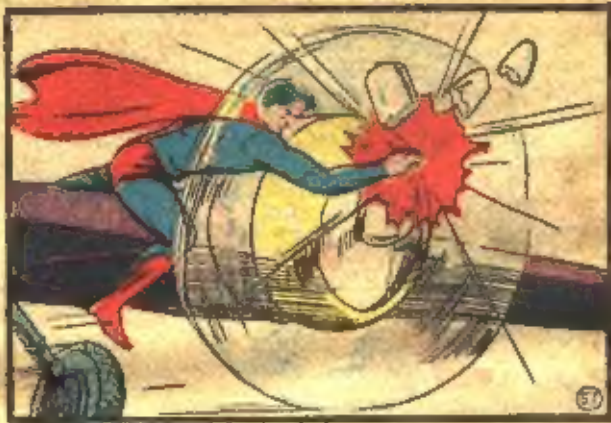
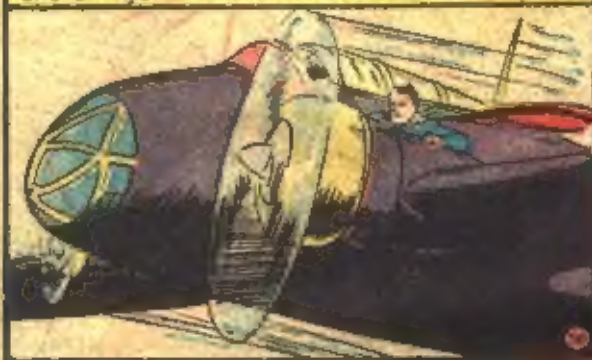
BRIMLY, THE WEIRD FIGURE CRAWLS FORWARD, BATTLING THE PRESSURE OF A TEARING WIND...



MY GOSH! HE'S REACHED THE WING!



SUPERMAN STRETCHES HIS HAND OUT TOWARD ONE OF THE WHIRLING PROPELLORS...



THE PLANE ABRUPTLY LURCHES...



DOWN TOWARD THE MAN OF TOMORROW'S BODY TOWARD THE DISTANT EARTH...



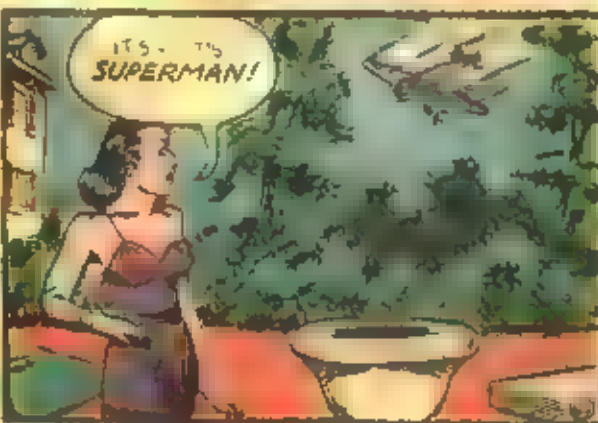
HE STRIKES EARTH... UNHURT!



SO--YOU HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH, EH?



HE MADE THE BULLETS BOUNCE OFF SUPER-
 MAN THE AIRPLANE TILTS ITS NOSE FOR AN
 UPPERCUT



SWIFTLY LITA MAKES HER WAY TO THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY.

YOU MAY
PASS, AGENT
T-2



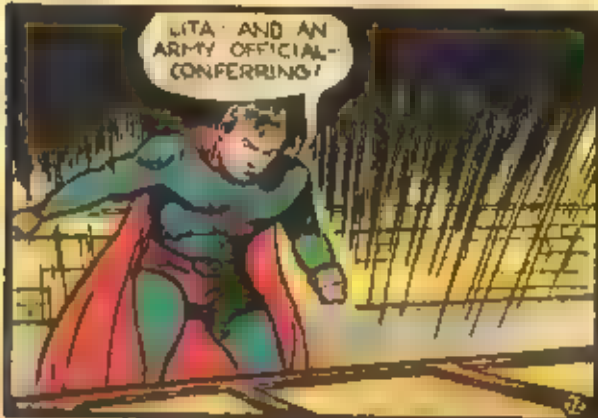
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GREAT LEAD CARRIES **SUPERMAN**, UNSEEN,
OVER THE HEADS OF THE GUARDS



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LITA AND AN
ARMY OFFICIAL—
CONFERRING!



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I'M SURE
I HEARD
A SOUND!



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SOMEONE
COMING!



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I KNOW YOU'RE
HIDING THERE. COME
OUT, HANDS RAISED
OR I'LL SHOOT!



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THAT'S ODD,
NO ONE
AROUND!

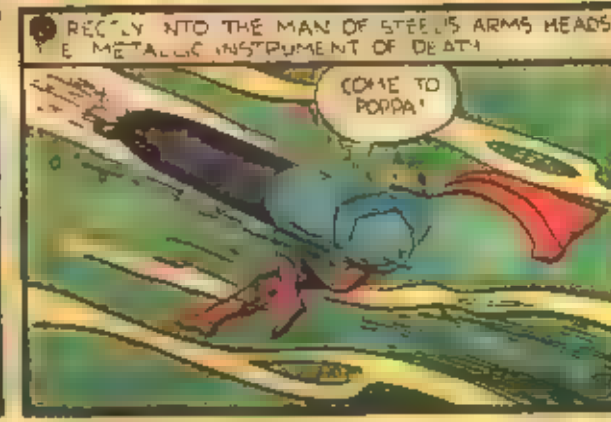
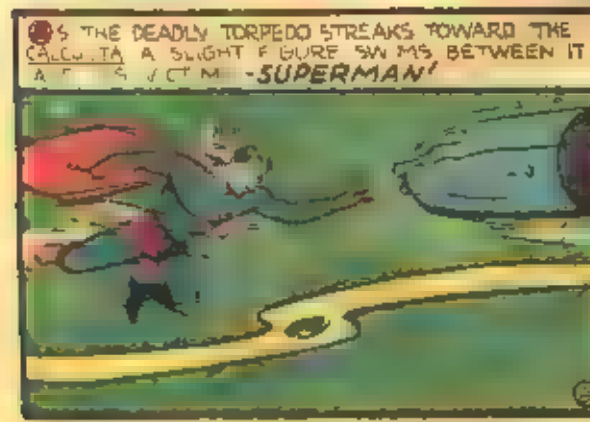
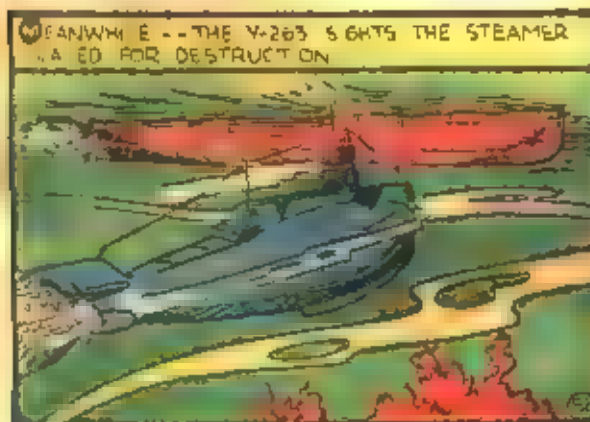
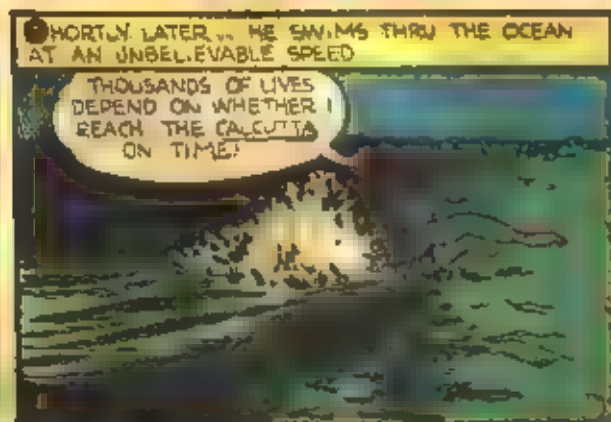
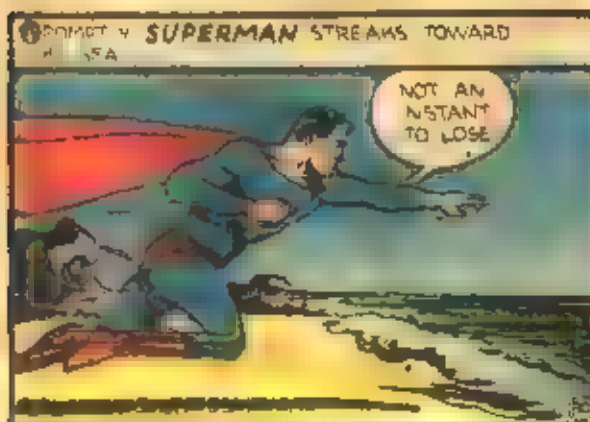
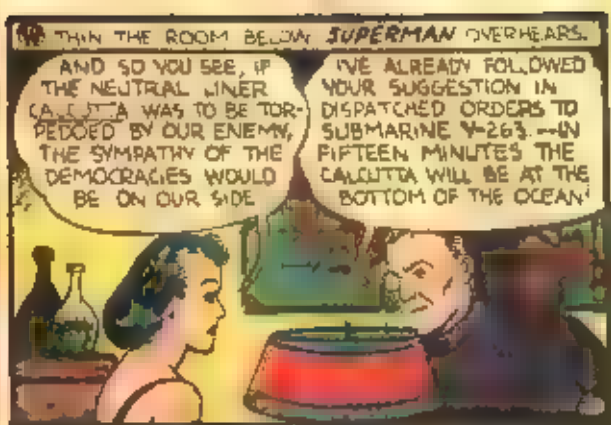


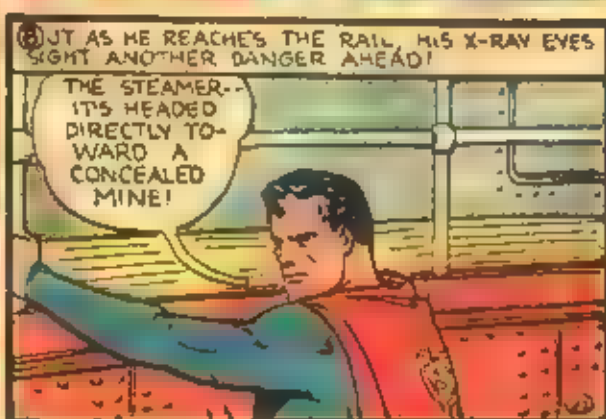
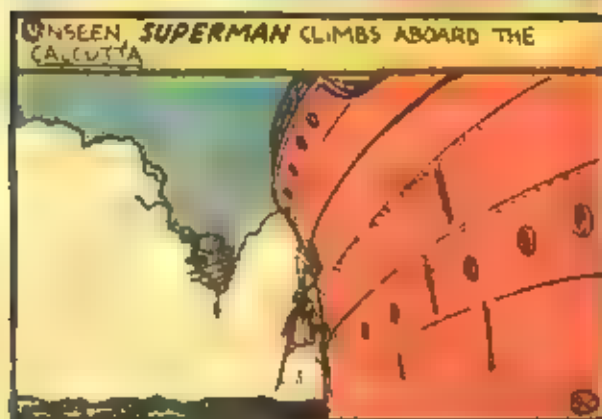
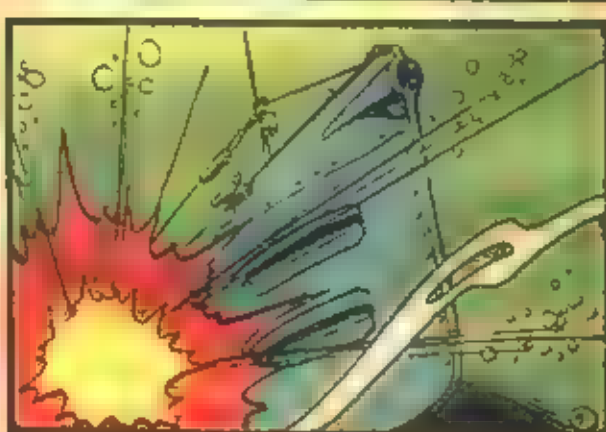
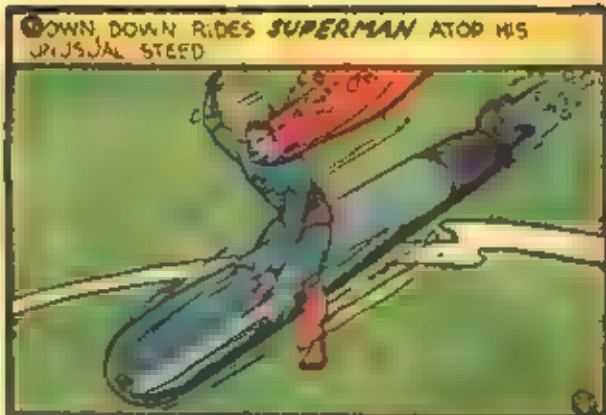
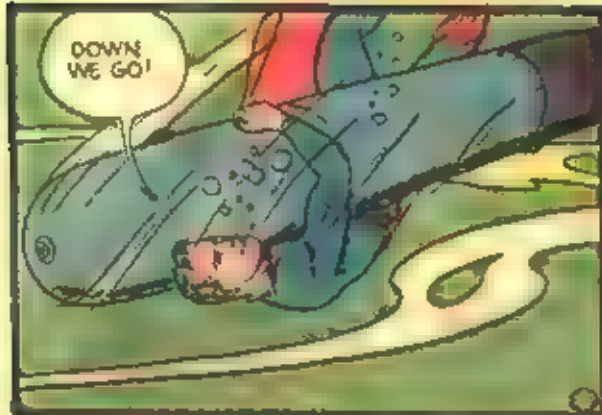
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BUT I WAS
CERTAIN
I HEARD
SOMEONE

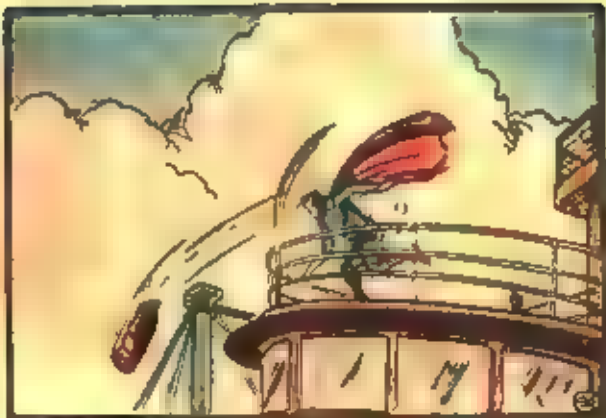
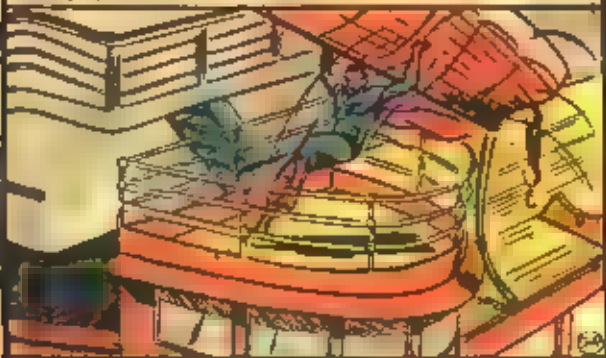


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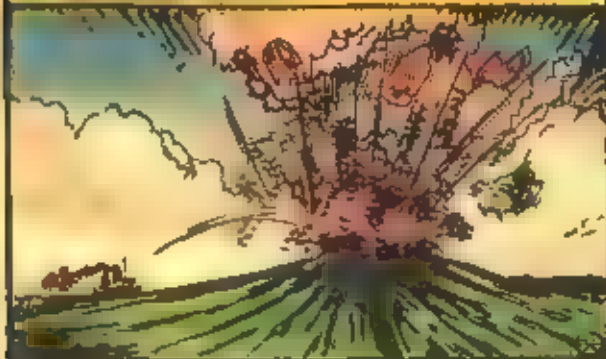




BEARING A LIFEBOAT FROM ITS MOORINGS, **SUPERMAN** LEADS ATOP A CABIN



AS THE LIFEBOAT STRIKES THE MINE, THERE IS A DEAFENING EXPLOSION!



TORATHIAN COUNCIL OF WAR IS INTERRUPTED BY **SUPERMAN'S** UNEXPECTED APPEARANCE



ANOTHER SCOOD FOR CLARK KENT, THE GAWKY STAB AND **SUPERMAN!**



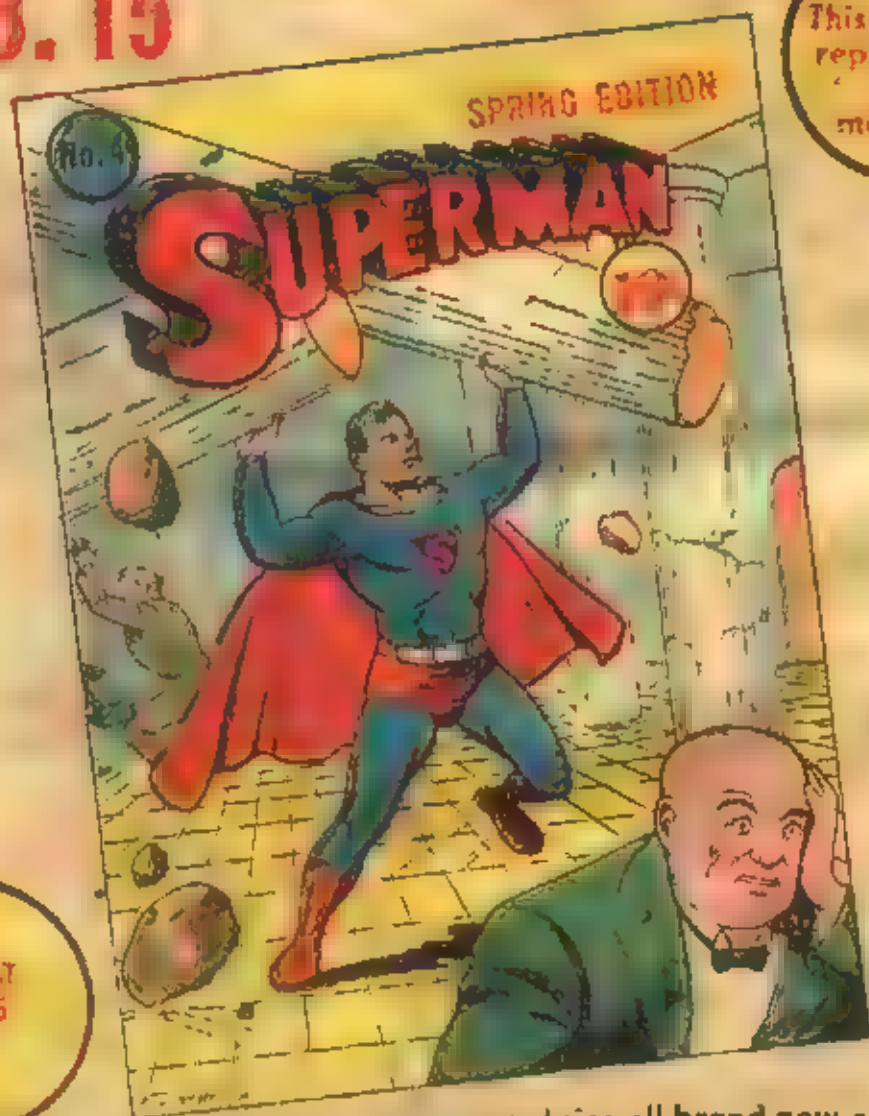
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SUPERMEN OF AMERICA

WELL, Members, this is the first opportunity I have had since the beginning of this new year to talk to you. As you probably know, during the past few months the pages in this magazine that were ordinarily devoted to the news and interesting topics of the SUPERMEN OF AMERICA CLUB were temporarily eliminated to bring you the huge contest. Naturally, I anticipated a grand response to this contest and to date the number of entries that have come into the office have far exceeded even my fondest hopes. I am certain each and every Member of the SUPERMEN OF AMERICA has mailed in his contest letter. The tremendous number of letters that have already arrived and the many more that are to come will take quite a bit of time to sort and read. However, the names of the winners of the contest will be published as soon as possible in an early issue of ACTION COMICS!

With the spirit of Christmas and New Year still fresh in our minds I believe this is an excellent time to bring to our attention the renewal of the good resolution we made last year when we first started the SUPERMEN OF AMERICA CLUB. The firm, basic principles of this club were and still are the three splendid ideals of

STRENGTH, COURAGE and JUSTICE. Time and again we have seen these ideals pictured as three, unbroken links of steel which form an invulnerable chain capable of withstanding all the vicious and brutal assaults of Crime and the forces of Evil.

Now, more than ever before, should we endeavor to strengthen these ideals in our hearts. For in other less fortunate parts of the world we have read and seen the horrible results of men forgetting and casting these ideals out of their minds and hearts. War, destruction, famine and untold suffering descend on mankind when the principals of STRENGTH, COURAGE and JUSTICE disappear.

The pioneers and founders of America fought, bled and died to protect and cherish these principles; and with such a priceless heritage this country of ours grew from infancy into the strong, thriving nation that it is today. Let us, then, carry on these ideals that have been handed down to us and by the constant application of these principles make our daily lives beneficial to our friends, neighbors and to the country we love. Make this a firm resolution not only for this year of 1940 but for all the years of our lives!

The Names of the Winners of the Gigantic Superman Contest Will Be Announced in an Early Issue of Action Comics!

SUPERMAN'S SECRET MESSAGE!

(Code Neptune No. 7)

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JYBYHNL HUK QBZAPIL MPYTSE
WSHUALK PU VBY OIHYAZ, SLA BZ
ZAYPCL AV THRL AOPZ ULD FLHY
IYPNOA HUK JOLLYMBS MMY HSS.

SUPERMAN,
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Dear Superman:

Please enroll me as a Charter Member of the SUPERMEN of AMERICA. I enclose 10c to cover cost of mailing. It is understood that I am to receive my Membership Certificate, Button and Superman Code.

NAME _____ AGE _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY AND STATE _____

PEP MORGAN

BY GENE BAXTER

AS PEP IS PLAYING P NOCHLE WITH MEMBERS OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT THE GAME IS SUDDENLY INTERRUPTED BY CHARLIE WHO IS VERY MUCH EXCITED AND ALARMED -

WHAT'S THE HURRY CHARLIE?

(PUFF-PUFF) JOE MACK'S PLACE IS ON FIRE!



WHERE'S THE FIRE?

JOE MACK'S - HOPE WE'RE NOT TOO LATE!



LOOK'S BAD, FELLOWS - THIS WIND IS GOING TO MAKE IT TOUGH TO HANDLE -



MY WIFE IS IN THERE - WENT BACK FOR HER TICKETBOOK - PLEASE GET HER OUT!!



SOAK ME WELL, BOYS - I'M GOING IN AFTER MRS. MACK!





LOOK HERE! A BURNT
MATCH - AND SMELL
THIS GRASS - IT
REEKS OF
GASOLINE!



THIS IS THE
SECOND SUS-
PICIOUS FIRE
IN A MONTH -
ANY IDEA
WHO MIGHT
HAVE DONE
IT?



NOPE - AIN'T GOT
ANY ENEMIES I
KNOW OF - WELL,
C'MON - I GOTTA
SEE RUFUS TOONE
AFORE HE CHANGES
HIS MIND ABOUT
BUYING MY LAND -



RUFUS
TOONE? THE
CHAIRMAN
OF THE
TOWN
COUNCIL?



YEP - TURNED HIM
DOWN FLAT TWO
WEEKS AGO THINGS
WERE JUST BEGIN-
NING TO LOOK
BETTER WHEN
THIS HAD TO
HAPPEN -

FRED DAVIE -
HOW ARE YOU?
DID YOU FIND
OUT HOW THAT
FIRE STARTED
AT YOUR PLACE?

NOPE - NEVER DID - TRINT MY
PLACE ANYMORE - JUST SOLD
IT TO EZRA WRIGHT, HE DRAVE
A HARD BARGAIN TOO - BUT -
GOTTA HAVE A PLACE FOR
THE KIDS TO SLEEP -



EZRA WRIGHT, EH - HE'S RUFUS TOONE'S
NEPHEW - LET'S SEE HERE'S FRED'S
PLACE, AND OFF TO THE NORTH IS JOE
MACK'S - THEN THERE'S JACK GREEN'S
PLACE BETWEEN HIM AND THE
RAILROAD -



PEP MAKES INQUIRIES -

WHAT DO
YOU KNOW
ABOUT
RUFUS
TOONE
AND EZRA
WRIGHT,
CHARLIE?

WAL - TOONE'S
CHAIRMAN OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL AND
A DIRECTOR OF THE
BANK - AND THERE
AIN'T A MEANER
MAN IN TOWN UN-
LESS ITS HIS
NEPHEW EZRA
WRIGHT -



LATER -

ANY
BIG
NEWS
AROUND
TOWN,
DAD?

WELL, THAT OLD RUMOR
ABOUT THE RAILROAD
BUILDING A SPUR TO
ARVILLE IS GOING
AROUND AGAIN - AFTER
TEN YEARS NOBODY PAYS
MUCH ATTENTION TO
IT ANYMORE!



WHO WOULD
BE LIKELY
TO FIND OUT
FIRST WHERE
IT MIGHT
GO -

NOT MUCH CHANCE
OF ANYBODY FIND-
ING OUT TILL THE
RAILROAD BUYS
UP THE LAND IT
WANTS THRU
SOME DUMMY!



HAD
ANY
VISITORS
LATELY
JACK?

FUNNY YOU MENT ON IT -
EZRA WRIGHT WAS HERE
AN WANTS TO BUY MY
PLACE - BUT I A N T
SELLIN - I M SATIS-
FIED TO STAY PUT !



A WEEK LATER -

THIS IS THE SIXTH
NIGHT WE'VE RISKED
GETTING SHOT BY
JACK GREEN WHYNOT
TELL HIM WE'RE
HERE AND WHY ?

HE MIGHT
GIVE IT
AWAY BY
TELLING
HIS WIFE !



SH H GET DOWN
QUICK ! I JUST HEARD
A CAR STOP DOWN
THE ROAD !



HE'S POURING GASOLINE
ON THE HOUSE - WHEN HE
STRIKES A MATCH WE'LL
RUSH HIM !



PUT THE FIRE OUT,
TED - I'LL TAKE
CARE OF THIS
FELLOW !

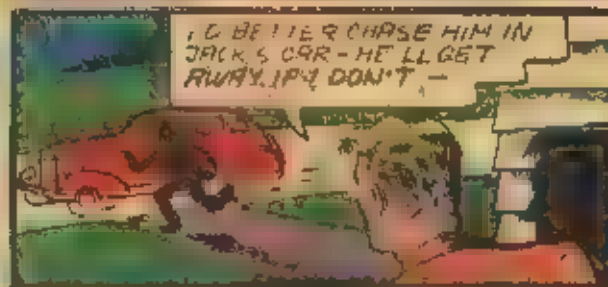
OK PEP - FIRE !
FIRE ! JACK
GREEN - HELP
HE PUT THIS FIRE
OUT !



BUT PEP SLIPS AND FALLS ON THE WET GRASS

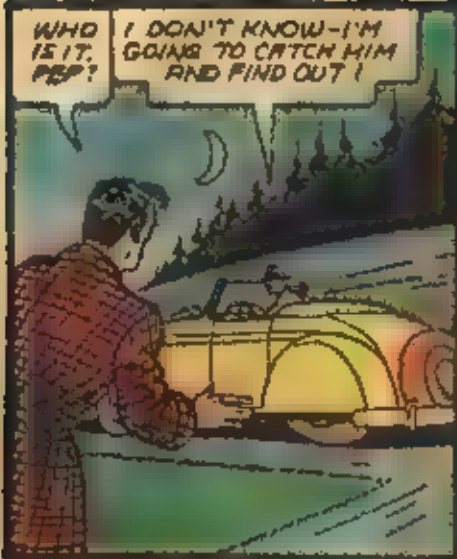


I'D BETTER CHASE HIM IN
JACK'S CAR - HE'LL GET
AWAY IF I DON'T -



WHO IS IT, PEP?

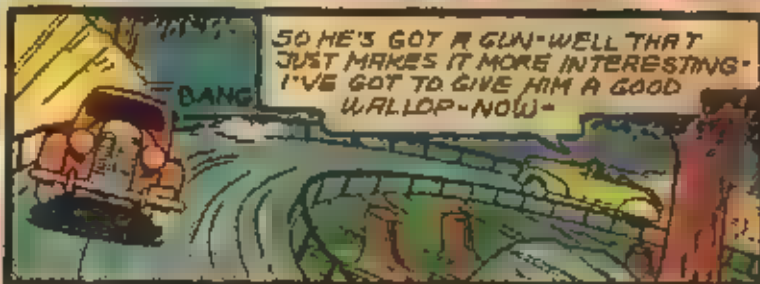
I DON'T KNOW-I'M GOING TO CATCH HIM AND FIND OUT!



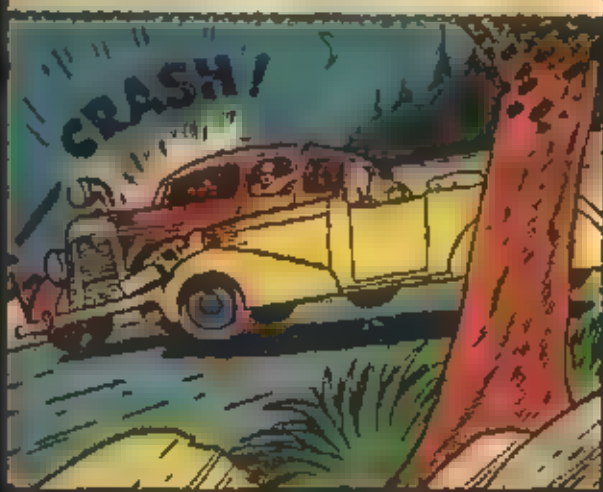
I'M GAINING ON HIM-I'LL GET HIM IF MY GAS HOLDS OUT!



SO HE'S GOT A GUN-WELL THAT JUST MAKES IT MORE INTERESTING-I'VE GOT TO GIVE HIM A GOOD WALLOP-NOW-



PEP SIDESWIPE THE OTHER CAR AS HE CATCHES UP WITH IT-



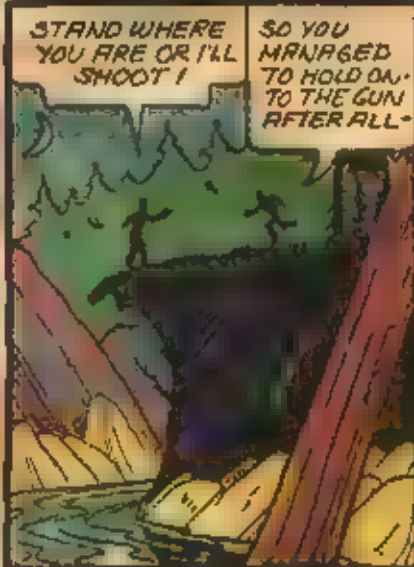
HIS CAR SMASHED, THE MAN FLEES ON FOOT



STOP- YOU CAN'T GET AWAY -



STAND WHERE YOU ARE OR I'LL SHOOT!



SO YOU MANAGED TO HOLD ON TO THE GUN AFTER ALL-

WITH A DESPERATE LUNGE, PEP TACKLES HIS QUARRY-



IN MID-AIR PEP AND HIS
OPPONENT HURTLT TOWARD
THE WATER BELOW!



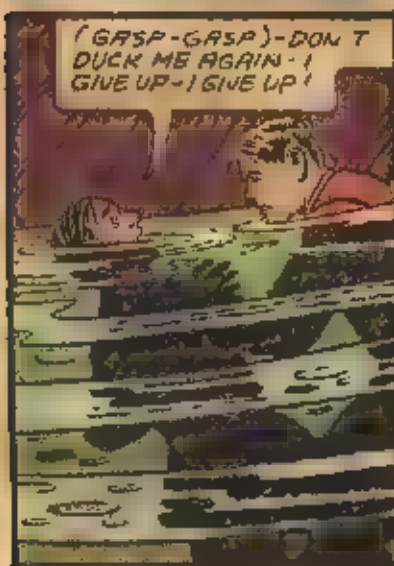
WITH A GREAT SPLASH THEY
DISAPPEAR INTO THE FORM-



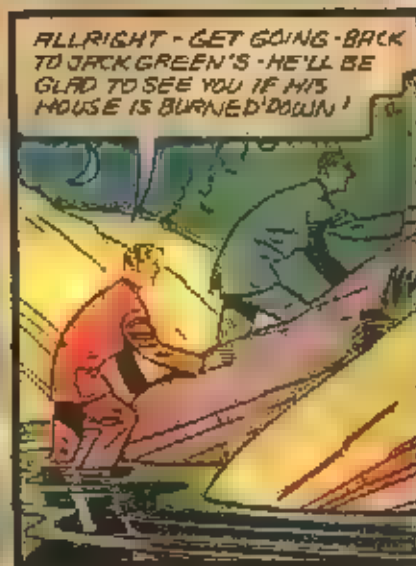
NO YOU DON'T -YOU
NEED A LITTLE
DUNKING -



(GASP-GASP)-DON T
DUCK ME AGAIN - I
GIVE UP - I GIVE UP!



ALLRIGHT - GET GOING -BACK
TO JACK GREEN'S -HE'LL BE
GLAD TO SEE YOU IF HIS
HOUSE IS BURNED'DOWN!

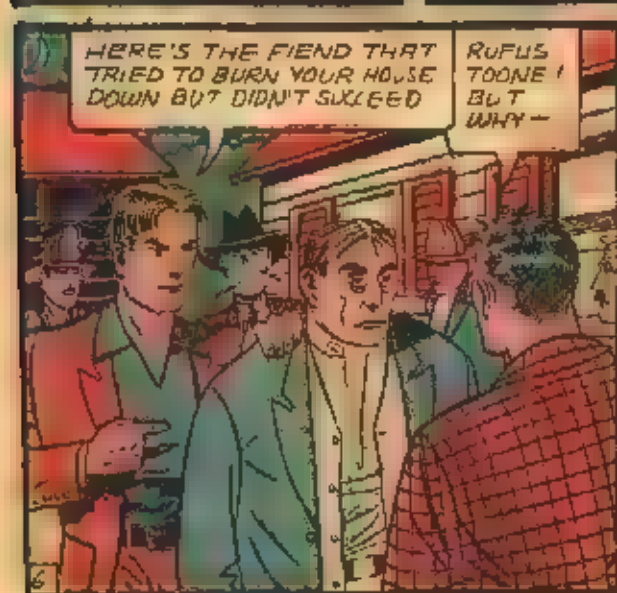


HERE COMES
PEP!



HERE'S THE FIEND THAT
TRIED TO BURN YOUR HOUSE
DOWN BUT DIDN'T SUXCEED

RUFUS
TOONE!
BUT
WHY -



IT FIGURED OUT THIS WAY -
TOONE WAS HIRED BY THE
RAILROAD TO BUY UP
PROPERTY FOR THEIR
SPUR -AT A BIG COMMISSION -
WHEN THE OWNERS RE-
FUSED TO SELL HE
BURNED THEIR HOUSES
SO THEY'D BE FORCED
TO SELL!

WELL MR TOONE
WOIN'T BE DOING
ANY BUYING NOW
FOR QUITE A
SPELL -FIREBUGS
LIKE HIM GET
NICE LONG JAIL
TERMS!



THE END

"CHUCK" DAWSON

by **A. GEMING**

IT TAKES ME THREE AGES TO GET SOME
MIGHTY TONGUE LICKIN' GOIN' AROUND HERE



AS CHUCK IS ABOUT TO TURN AWAY, HE NOTICES A BEAMING YOUNG PUNCHER TYPING BEHIND THE HARD-LOOKING GUNMAN OPPOSITE

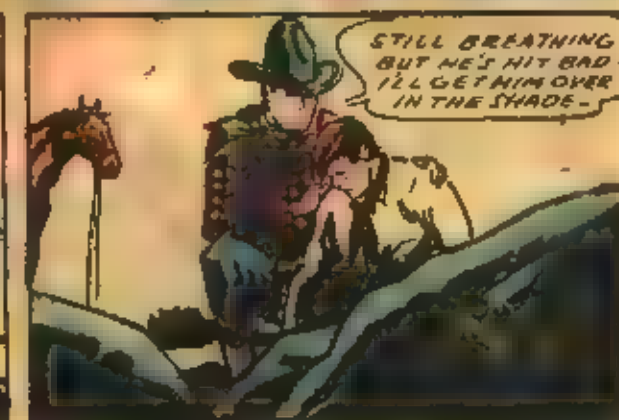




SUDDENLY, THERES THE CRACK OF A RIFLE - CHUCK SEES THE RIDER TOPPLE FROM HIS SADDLE -



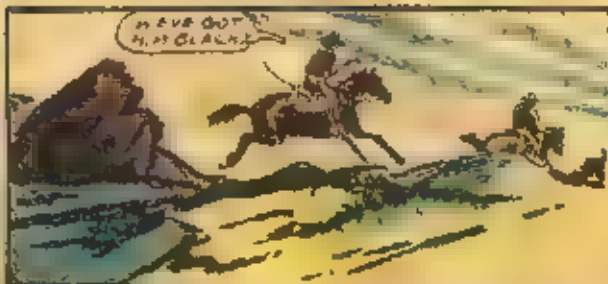
FOLLOWING THE RIFLE REPORT, THE HEAD AND SHOULDERS OF A MAN SOB UP FROM BEHIND A BOULDER







CATCHING EIGHT OF CHUCK BEARING DOWN ON HIM, THE GUNMAN DIES IN HIS SPURS -



A FEW MOMENTS BLACKY HAS OVERTAKEN THE SLOWER HORSE OF THE GUNMAN

ROCKING N
WIRED GUN SLICK,
EH - YOU'RE
SPILLING EVERY
THING, SKUNK,
OR LL SHUT OFF
YOUR VENTILATION

I AINT WORKIN' FER
THE ROCKIN' N -
IT'S JACKSON
THE FOREMAN
OF THE SLASH-D
THAT HIRED ME -
HE AINT PAVED
ME YET HE J
RUN OUT ON ME



CLIP CARSON



SOLDIER OF FORTUNE

CLIP IS ABOARD A LINER EN ROUTE FROM ALGIERS TO SOUTH AMERICA DOING NOTHING EXCEPT TO ENJOY A QUIET OCEAN VOYAGE



WALK WALK
WALK SIT
SIT SIT.
RESTFUL BUT
BORING.



HM, THERE'S A MAN DOWN
THERE GUESS I'M NOT
THE ONLY LATE STAYER-
UPPER. HEY! WHAT'S
GOING ON THERE!



SUDDENLY AN ARM REACHES
OUT OF THE SHADOWS.



..AND THE MAN TOPPLES
OVER THE RAIL INTO THE
WATER BELOW!



CLIP SHOUTS AT THE TOP OF HIS LUNGS
MAN OVERBOARD!
MAN OVER-
BOARD!



THEN UNHESITATINGLY LEAPS
INTO THE SEA.

HERE
GOES
NOTHING.



NOW WHERE IS
HE? WISH THEY'D
GET A SEARCHLIGHT
GOING!

FULL SPEED AFTERN
MAN, OVERBOARD!



THE TWO MEN SWIMMING TO THE SURFACE
SOUND...



THERE HE IS
BUT HE'S
GOING
DOWN!



SWING IT
OUT FARTHER.
WE'VE GOT TO
FIND THEM!



SORRY CHUM,
I HATE
TO DO
THIS



A SEARCHLIGHT FINALLY
SPOTS THE TWO MEN!



A FEW MINUTES LATER THEY ARE
BROUGHT ON BOARD.



HOW DID
THIS HAPPEN,
GENTLEMEN?

SOME
BODY.

ER I GO
DIZZY MUST
HAVE FALLEN
THIS GENTLE
MAN RESCUED
ME!

WHEN YOU'VE
GOT INTO
SOME DRY
CLOTHES COME
TO MY CABIN
A-O.

BE
THERE IN
A JIFFY.



LATER CLIP CARSON GOES TO THE ROOM OF THE MAN HE RESCUED...

MR CARSON THIS IS MY DAUGHTER GLORIA

OF COURSE I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU MR CARSON

MY FRIENDS CALL ME CLIP! I HAVE YOU AND YOUR DAD WILL, TOO

WELL, CLIP I SUPPOSE YOU SAW THAT I WAS PUSHED OVERBOARD.

YES, I'D LIKE TO HAVE FOUND WHOEVER DID IT BUT I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NEED HELP!

YOU SEE, IN AFRICA WE BOUGHT A LITTLE STATUE NOT KNOWING WHAT IT WAS AND ATTEMPTS WERE MADE ON OUR LIVES AFTER THAT. IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT WE ADVERTISED OUR READINESS TO GIVE IT BACK.

I'VE HEARD OF SUCH THINGS BEFORE YOU SEE, WHATEVER WE DO CULT IT IS THAT WORSHIPS THESE IDOLS, FEELS THAT THE IDOL HAS BEEN DEFILED BY YOUR TOUCH, AND THAT ONLY YOUR BLOOD CAN WASH IT CLEAN!

UGH, PLEASANT THOUGHT

-AND THIS IS THE CAUSE OF IT ALL - THIS TINY STATUE!

CLIP REACHES TO PICK UP THE STATUE WHEN!

JUST A SCRATCH THESE BABIES DON'T WASTE ANY TIME DO THEY

NO THE MOMENT YOU TOUCHED THE STATUE YOU BECAME A MARKED MAN ALSO!

I ADVISE YOU TO STAY IN YOUR SUITE AND KEEP DOORS AND PORT HOLES LOCKED

I FEEL SAFER WITH YOU ON THE JOB.

'CLIP' VISITS THE CAPTAIN.

SO I THOUGHT
IT BEST TO
TELL YOU THE
STORY!

IT'S INCREDIBLE -
BUT IF ANY-
BODY CAN
HANDLE IT
YOU CAN!

TROUBLE IS I
CAN'T IMAGINE
WHO IT COULD
BE. THERE ARE
NO NATIVE
AFRICANS
ABOARD!

HMM I
SEE THAT
REGINALD
HOOD THE
ANTHROPOLO-
GIST IS
ABOARD. I
WONDER

ACCORDING TO THE
PASSENGER LIST THIS
WOULD BE MR REGINALD
HOOD'S CABIN...

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MR HOOD I UNDER-
STAND YOU'VE SPENT
CONSIDERABLE TIME
IN AFRICA, STUDYING
ANCIENT NATIVE
RELIGIONS!

AND IF
I HAVE
WHAT'S
THAT TO
YOU?

I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU
COULD HAVE BEEN A
CONVERT TO ONE
OF THOSE HIDEOUS
CULTS?

CERTAINLY
NOT!
WHAT FOOLERY
IS THIS!

HOW
ABOUT
THIS!

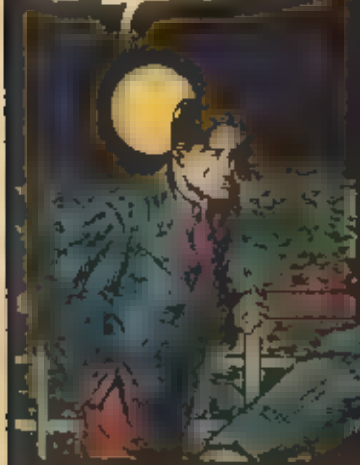
I KNOW NOTHING
ABOUT IT. IF
YOU THINK THAT'S
AN AFRICAN IDOL,
I'M AFRAID
YOU'RE MISTAKEN!

I'M THE GREATEST
LIVING AUTHORITY ON
AFRICAN IDOLATRY
AND I CAN ASSURE YOU
THAT THERE IS NO SUCH
GOD AS THE ONE
YOU HOLD!

AND I DON'T
SUPPOSE YOU COULD
HAVE CUT YOUR FINGER
WHILE, SAY, THROWING A
KNIFE!

WHAT IMPERTINENCE - YOU
MUST BE MAD. LEAVE THIS
STATEROOM AT ONCE!

EITHER REGINALD HODD
IS GUILTY OR HE'S A
DARNED GOOD ACTOR.



SUDDENLY A PIERCING SCREAM
SHATTERS THE NIGHT!

THAT'S
GLORIA'S
VOICE!



POOR CHAP!
HE HADN'T
A CHANCE.
STABBED IN
THE BACK...

I HEARD A
SCUFFLE,
CAME INTO
FATHER'S CABIN,
AND...



THE CAPTAIN TAKES CHARGE, AND
CLIP HURRIES TO THE RADIO ROOM.

I WANT YOU TO BURN UP
THE ETHER WITH
THIS MESSAGE!



YES, MR. CARSON.
IT'S PRACTICALLY
BURNING
RIGHT NOW.

AND LITTLE MORE THAN A
HALF AN HOUR LATER...

HERE COMES YOUR
ANSWER NOW
MR. CARSON



WELL, THIS IS INTERESTING
OPERATOR. KEEP YOUR
MOUTH SHUT ABOUT ALL
THIS!



CLIP CALLS A STEWARD!

FIND MR. BALLARD AND TELL HIM THAT MISS ANDERS
MUST SEE HIM AT ONCE IN HER STATEROOM -
LET HIM BELIEVE THAT MISS ANDERS SENT
THE MESSAGE

YES
SIR!



AND A FEW MINUTES LATER GOES TO GLORIA'S ROOM!



MIND IF I
CUME IN.

WHAT
IS THIS
ANYWAY?

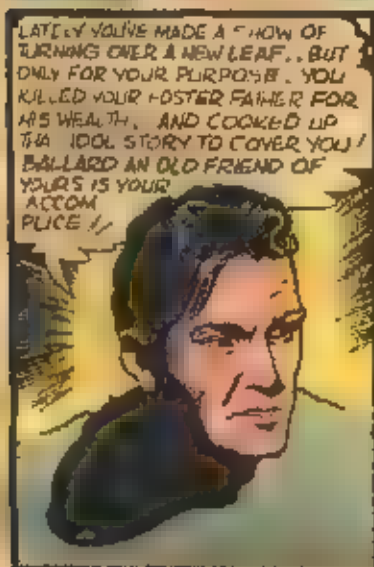


IT'S WHAT IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE 'PINCH'! YOU SEE, I MADE SOME INQUIRIES ABOUT YOU MISS ANDERS -

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



YES, I WIRELESSED A NEWSPAPER EDITOR, FRIEND OF MINE. HE REPORTS THAT YOU ARE REALLY ONLY THE FOSTER DAUGHTER OF HARRY ANDERS AND THAT YOU AND HE HAVE OFTEN BEEN ON POOR TERMS BECAUSE OF YOUR WILD ESCAPADES!



LATELY YOU'VE MADE A "HOW OF TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF... BUT ONLY FOR YOUR PURPOSES. YOU KILLED YOUR FOSTER FATHER FOR HIS WEALTH, AND COOKED UP THE IDOL STORY TO COVER YOU! BALLARD AN OLD FRIEND OF YOURS IS YOUR ACCOMPLICE!



I GUESS YOU'VE GOT US TO RIGHTS, BUT...



BUT CLIP'S GUN ROARS FIRST...



STOP! STOP! YOU LITTLE FOOL

YOU'LL NEVER GET ME!



RELUCTANT TO SHOOT, CLIP WATCHES THE GIRL JUMP OVERBOARD



THE PROPELLORS WASHED HER UNDER

YES... WELL, CAPTAIN I'VE HEARD OF BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, BUT I'M AFRAID THIS TIME, BEAUTY WAS THE BEAST.

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slip into the forest. They'll never find me in there!"

From a vantage point high in a single tree, Clay watched the pirates land on the beach, find the spot where he had lain so long and shake their fists at the silent forest. They went next to the trading post, dragging big barrels along the sand.

"They're going to steal all the money and property Dad's saved up all these years!" Clay told himself through clenched teeth. "Maybe they won't get away with it, though!"

ABANDONING the notion of firing the post, the pirates contented themselves with rolling their stolen goods into their row-boat and setting out for the lunk. Clay sent a parting shot after them, leaped from the tree in which he was hidden, and started up a secret trail known only to himself.

Racing along the forest path ways, Clay reflected on the day, years ago, when he had made a

Clay dropped the rifle in the dry grass and fell to work with the crowbar. Slowly the round Head began to rock back and forth, tilting more and more toward the horizon as each move Clay gave

one last, desperate heave—and the Malay Head started to topple.

Clay leaped for the cliff-edge and watched the ponderous rock drop off the cliff, smash once against the rocky wall of the mountainside—and land squarely on the Chinese junk!

There would be no survivors from that awful doom! The pirates had met a retribution as just as the deaths they handed to their helpless victims were unjust! Clay smiled waxy. He had won!

When his father and mother sailed into their home harbor and saw the Malay Head nestled in the water, they were amazed. But when Clay described his fight with the pirates, his Dad held him tightly around the shoulders.

"Good boy, Clay, I'm proud of you! That'll teach these pirates a lesson! What's money and pearls beside that — and the fact that you're alive?"

"But I saved the pearls and money," Clay cried. "I got a couple of native boys and dove underwater for them. We had a tough time — but we recovered every barrel! The barrels were stowed in the bilge—and escaped the full force of the Head!"

The End

ONLY GOT 90 IN ENGLISH, MOM. TYPING HELPED, DIDN'T IT?



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• SYNOPSIS •

OUR STORY OPENS ON A SMALL ISLE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.. WEIRD HAPPENINGS ON PART OF THE ISLE HAS KEPT THAT SECTION ISOLATED. STORIES OF ALL SORTS OF HORRIBLE DEMONS WHO INHABIT THE AREA REACHED THE EARS OF CARY JAMES WHO HAS DECIDED TO INVESTIGATE. HEARING OF HIS PLANS, DOCTOR REID, HEAD OF THE ISLE MISSION, PAYS CARY A VISIT.

YOU MUST BELIEVE THE NATIVES' THEY SAY TO GO

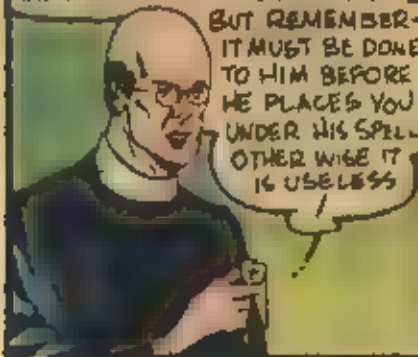
THERE IS TO DIE! I'D ADVISE YOU TO STAY AWAY!

AM SORRY SIR - BUT I'VE MADE UP MY MIND TO GO



SINCE I CAN'T PERSUADE YOU - TAKE THIS LOCKET! THE NATIVES CLAIM THAT WHEN IT IS PRESSED ON THE DEMONS HEAD HE WILL DIE!

BUT REMEMBER - IT MUST BE DONE TO HIM BEFORE HE PLACES YOU UNDER HIS SPELL - OTHERWISE IT IS USELESS!



THANK YOU! I'LL REMEMBER WHAT YOU TOLD ME!

THEN I'LL BID YOU A GOOD DAY - AND MAY THE LORD BE WITH YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY!



A FEW DAYS LATER CARY BEATS HIMSELF IN A SMALL SKIFF AND AS THE WIND FILLS THE SAILS HE HEADS FOR THE OTHER END OF THE ISLE



IN A SHORT TIME HE REACHES HIS DESTINATION. MAKING THE BOAT FAST, HE STARTS OUT TO SEARCH FOR THE DEMONS



IN THE DISTANCE A STRANGE
LOOKING OLD MAN APPEARS
ON THE HORIZON



SEEING CARY HE BREAKS
INTO A HIDEOUS CACKLE

HEE! HEE! A YOUNG ONE
COMES! SOON-SOON ...
HEE! HEE!



WELL I'LL BE! THERE IS
SOMEONE ON THE ISLE!

HELLO THERE!



WELCOME STRANGER! SO YOU'RE THE
'DEMON'!
HA! HA!



UNFORTUNATELY I'VE
BEEN CLAMPIED THAT
WAY BY THE NATIVES!
BUT COME, YOU
MUST BE
HUNGRY!

THAT I AM SIR!



THEY GO TO THE OLD MAN'S HUT -
SUDDENLY THEIR EYES MEET

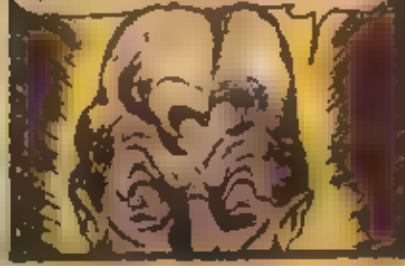


THE OLD MAN WAVES HIS
HANDS AT CARY

NO-NO!



BUT YES MY FRIEND! YOU SEE
THE NATIVES DO KNOW WHAT
THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT! YOU
CAN NEVER LEAVE THIS ISLE!
YOU WILL WANDER ON IT - BUT IT
SHALL BE AS THOUGH YOU ARE
CHAINED! YOUR SOUL IS
ENTERING MY BODY - I SHALL
BE YOUNG AGAIN - I SHALL BE
ABLE TO KILL - KILL - KILL!!



Y-YOU'RE CHANGING!
W-WHY YOU'RE BEGIN-
ING TO LOOK LIKE ME.

IN TWO DAYS
I SHALL BE YOU-
BUT ONLY IN
APPEARANCE



LATER IF THERE ONLY WAS A WAY IN WHICH I
COULD WARN THE OTHERS OF WHAT
IS GOING TO HAPPEN--I WOULDN'T MIND
STAYING HERE! THERE MUST BE A WAY!
I'VE GOT TO THINK-THINK-THINK!



SUDDENLY



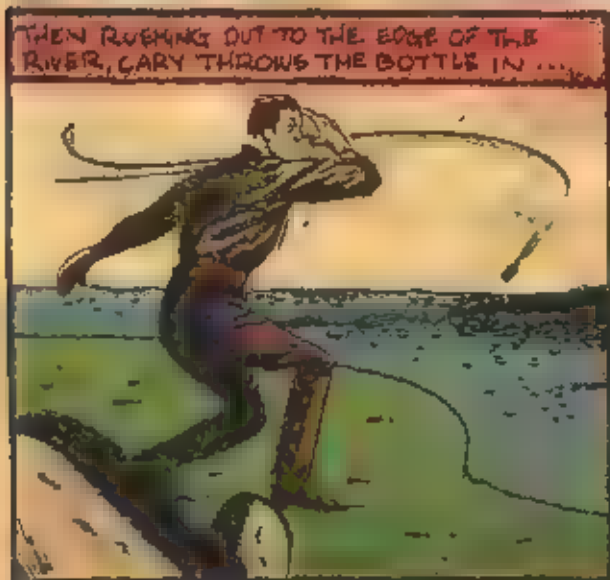
THE LOCKET! OF COURSE
THIS IS THE WAY OUT!



CARY TAKES OUT A PENCIL AND
PAPER--WRITES A LETTER TO A
DR DRUMMOND--PUTS BOTH THE
LOCKET AND LETTER IN AN ENVELOPE
AND IN TURN
PLACES THE
ENVELOPE
INTO
A
BOTTLE



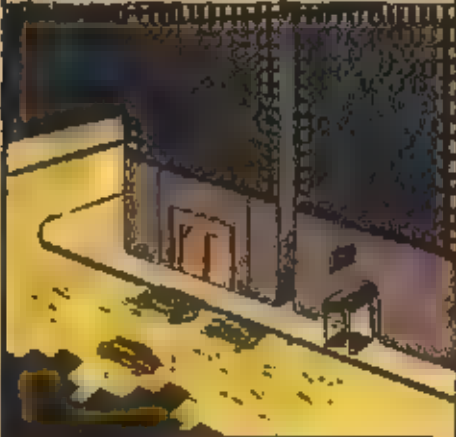
THEN RUSHING OUT TO THE EDGE OF THE
RIVER, CARY THROWS THE BOTTLE IN ...



I CAN BUT PRAY THAT
IT REACHES DR DRUMMOND--
BEFORE IT IS TO
LATE!



SOME TIME HAS PASSED - OUR
SCENE CHANGES - WE ARE IN THE
DOWNTOWN SECTION OF NEW YORK



WELL OF ALL
PEOPLE -
CARY JAMES!



ER HELLO!
WHEN DID YOU
GET BACK?
HOW WAS YOUR
TRIP?



I WONDER WHAT'S
GOT INTO HIM?
HE CERTAINLY
ACTED STRANGE!

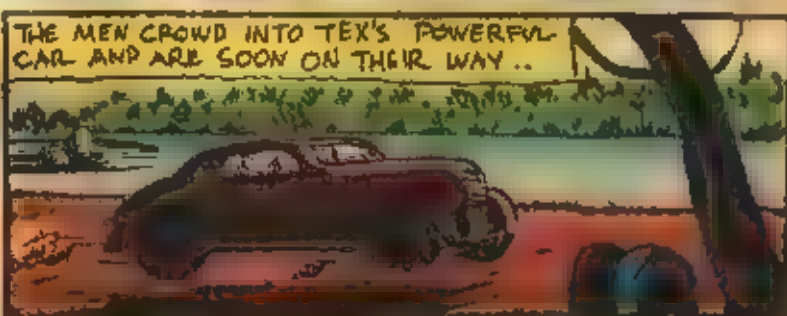


HI, TEX! I JUST SAW
CARY JAMES, AND
HE -- OOPS!
SORRY I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU
HAD COMP-
ANY!



CARY JAMES! DID
YOU HEAR THAT, DR.
DRUMMOND? HE'S
IN THE
CITY!
THEN HE'S ON
HIS WAY TO MY
PLACE! WILL
YOU BOTH BE
MY GUESTS FOR
THE WEEK-END?

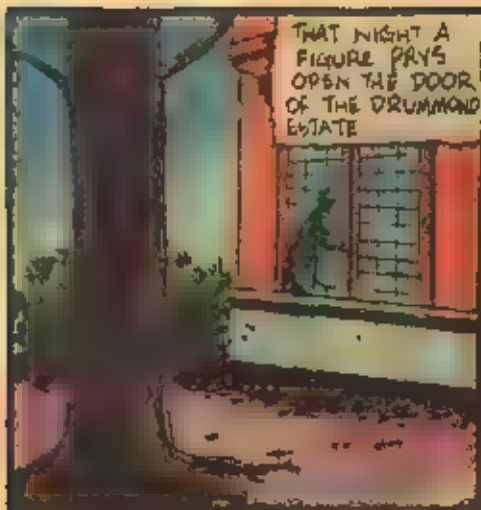
IT'LL BE
A PLEASURE

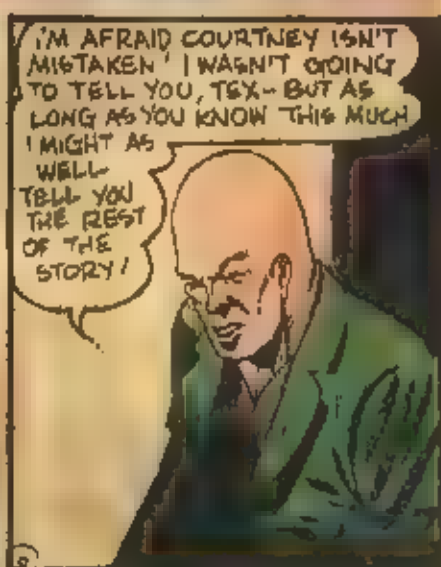
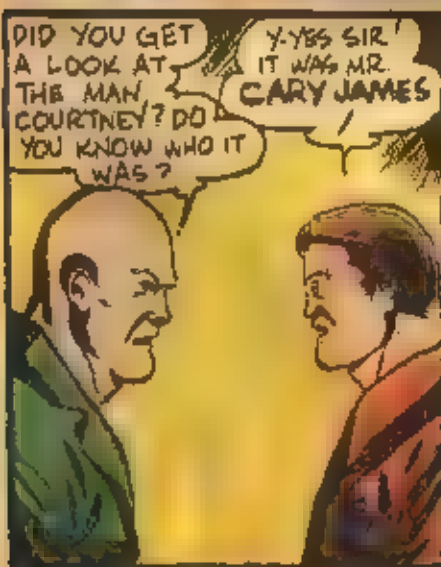
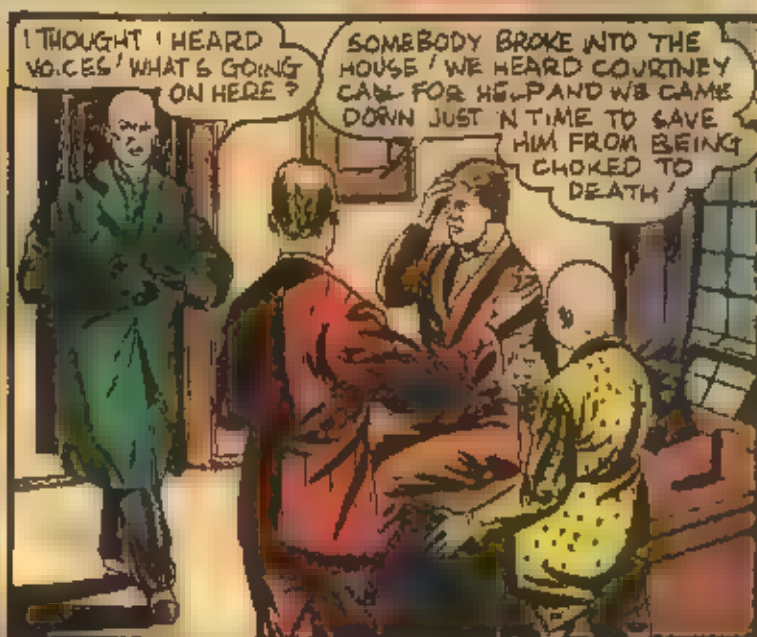


THE MEN CROWD INTO TEX'S POWERFUL
CAR AND ARE SOON ON THEIR WAY ..



LATER!
IT DOESN'T LOOK AS IF
CARY WILL SHOW UP
TO-NIGHT!
I SUGGEST
WE GO TO
BED!
THAT'S
OAKIE-DOAK
WITH ME!
AND ME
TOO!





YOU'LL FORGET WHAT HAPPENED TO-NIGHT, COURTNEY! GO BACK TO SLEEP! TEX AND BOB-YOU COME UP TO MY ROOM!



IN DR. DRUMMOND'S ROOM

YOU BOTH KNEW THAT CARY WAS ALWAYS INVESTIGATING SUPERNATURAL HAPPENINGS

YES! THAT SEEMED TO BE A HOBBY OF HIS!



I'M AFRAID HIS 'HOBBY' HAS PROVED TO BE HIS UNDOING! HERE! READ THIS LETTER!

I DON'T SEEM TO FOLLOW YOU, DRUMMOND!



WHY IT'S FROM CARY- ADDRESSED TO YOU!

* DEAR DOCTOR DRUMMOND, I AM QUITE SURE THAT BY THE TIME YOU GET THIS LETTER-IF YOU EVER DO-I WILL BE DEAD, BUT THOUGH I DIE MY SOUL IS ENTERING ANOTHER'S BODY! THAT BODY MUST BE DESTROYED!



HE WILL LOOK JUST LIKE ME - THAT IS THE ONLY CLUE I CAN GIVE YOU! DO AWAY WITH HIM BECAUSE HE IS A DEMON AND TO BE ABLE TO LIVE HE MUST KILL! HAVE NO FEAR THAT YOU ARE DESTROYING ME WHEN YOU KILL HIM- THE REAL CARY JAMES WILL BE DEAD IN TWO DAYS! ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND A LOCKET... WITH THIS YOU CAN END THE LIFE OF THE DEMON! FIND THE MAN WHO LOOKS LIKE CARY JAMES, PRESS THE LOCKET ON HIS FOREHEAD AND YOU WILL TERMINATE THE EXISTENCE OF THIS CREATURE!

MARGARET L. Cary James

YOU REALLY BELIEVE CARY JAMES IS DEAD?

I DO!



BUT HOW CAN YOU BE SURE?

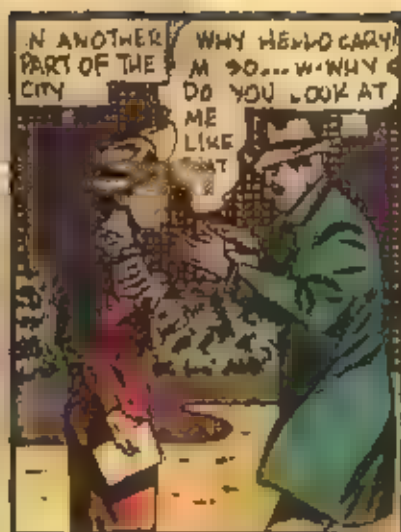
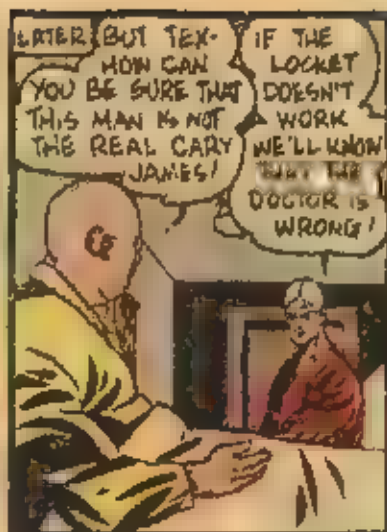
THIS PERSON CAME HERE TO FIND THE LOCKET! THEN HE ALMOST KILLS COURTNEY!

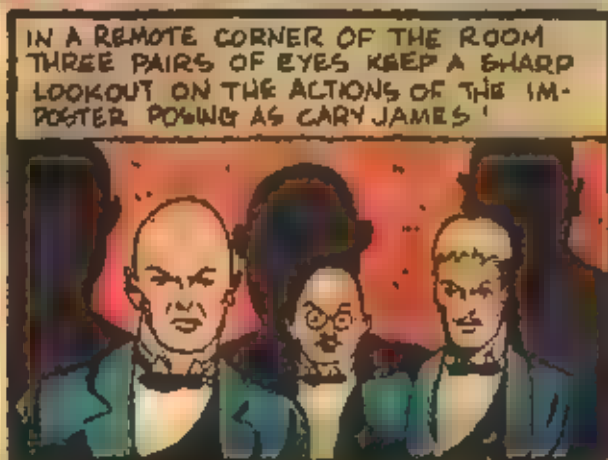


THE REAL CARY JAMES WAS NEITHER A THIEF OR A MURDERER! THIS DOUBT IS A

DEMON- WE MUST DESTROY HIM!

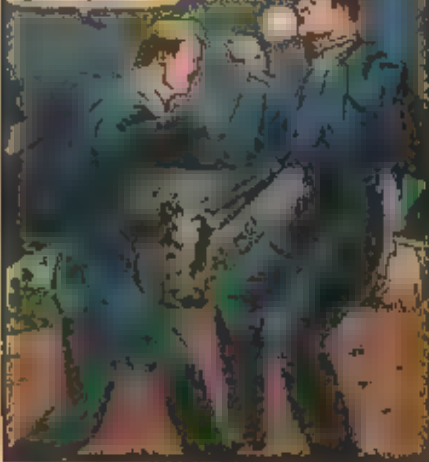






TEX RUSHES AT THE OTHER - HIS
FISTS FLYING!

TAKE YOUR HANDS
OFF HER!



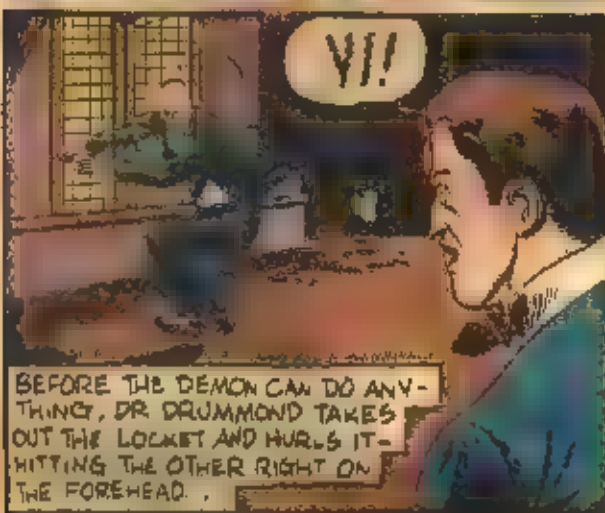
FOOL! DO YOU THINK
YOUR FISTS CAN HARM ME?
STAND BACK! THERE IS
NOTHING YOU CAN DO
TO PREVENT ME FROM
KILLING!



I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT
THAT! I HAPPEN TO KNOW
THAT THERE IS ONE
THING
THAT WILL
STOP YOU



YII!



BEFORE THE DEMON CAN DO ANY-
THING, DR DRUMMOND TAKES
OUT THE LOCKET AND HURLS IT-
HITTING THE OTHER RIGHT ON
THE FOREHEAD.

A STRANGE
THING TAKES
PLACE -
WHAT ONCE
WAS THE
FIGURE
OF CARY
JAMES
SUDDENLY
TAKES THE
FORM OF
AN OLD
MAN ...



YOU WIN GENTLEMEN!
YOU HAVE SUCCEEDED
IN DESTROYING
ME. FAREWELL!



THEN A BLINDING FLASH OF
LIGHT STRIKES THE OLD MAN -
AND

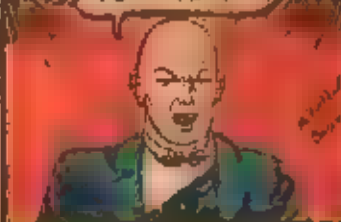


LOOK! ALL THAT'S
LEFT OF HIM IS
ASHES!



GOSH!

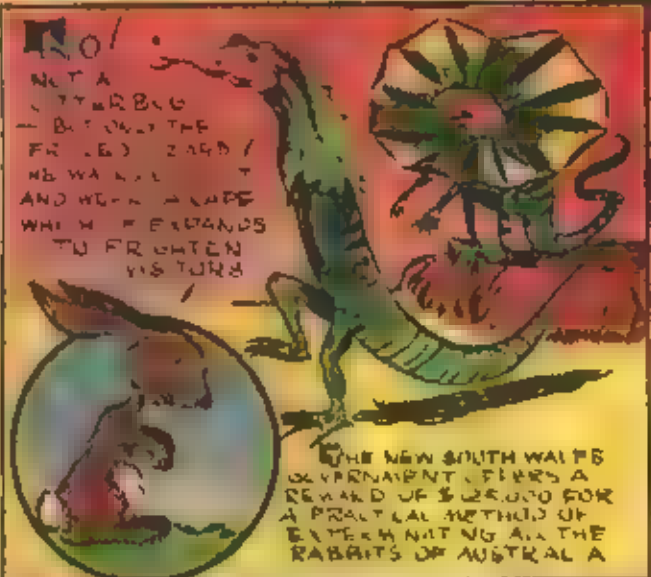
YES, GENTLEMEN THE
DEMON IS DESTROYED!
ALTHOUGH CARY JAMES
IS DEAD - THROUGH HIS
DEATH HE HAS MADE
THIS A SAFER WORLD
TO LIVE IN!



ANOTHER THRILLING
TEX THOMSON
NEXT MONTH!

FANTASTIC FACTS

No. 1
 NOT A
 LITTLE
 BUT ONLY THE
 FR. L. 2400 /
 NO. 1411
 AND WHEN A LARVA
 WHICH EXPANDS
 TO FRIGHTEN
 VISITORS



THE NEW SOUTH WALES
 GOVERNMENT OFFERS A
 REWARD OF \$25,000 FOR
 A PRACTICAL METHOD OF
 EXTERMINATING ALL THE
 RABBITS OF AUSTRALIA

SAMUEL JOHNSON
 BELIEVED THAT HE KEPT
 HIMSELF IN GOOD HEALTH
 BY TAPPING ALL THE
 PALES IN FENCES
 AS HE WALKED
 PAST



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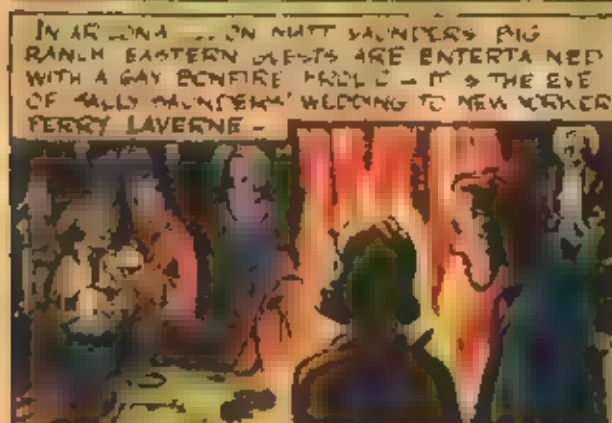
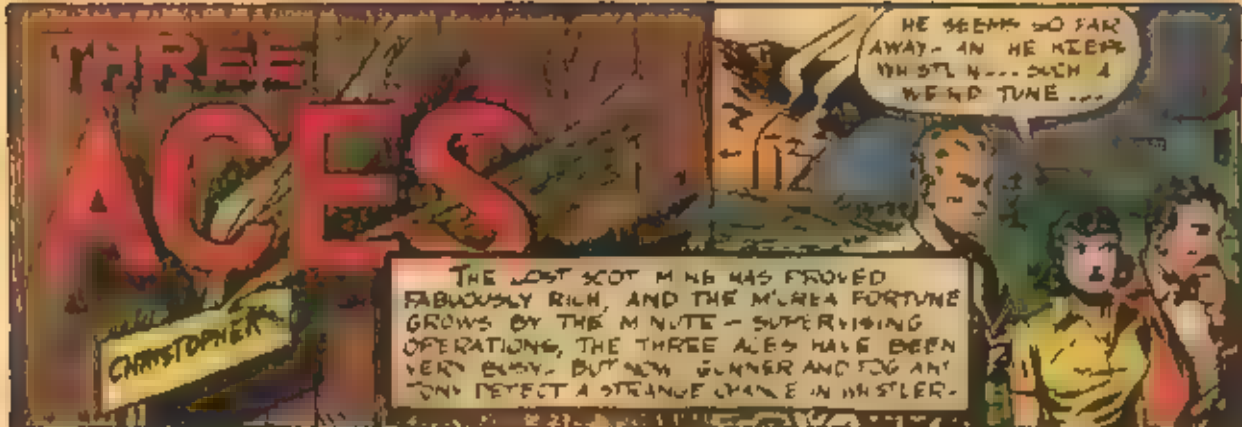


A TANK CAR
 LOADED WITH HELIUM
 GAS SHIPPED BY
 THE RAIL
 WEIGHED
 92,000 LBS.
 LESS THAN
 THE EMPTY
 CAR DID

THE MALE ELEPHANT
 HAS A CRAZY SEASON /
 DURING THIS TIME
 HE GETS THE IR-
 RESISTIBLE IMPULSE
 TO ATTACK AND
 DESTROY EVERYTHING
 IN SIGHT —
 THIS STRANGE
 MYSTERIOUS
 FIT IS CALLED
 "MUST" BY THE
 NATIVES



自1980年以來，我國經濟建設事業取得了長足的進步，社會主義市場經濟體制已初步建立起來，國民經濟持續快速發展，綜合國力不斷增強，人民生活水平不斷提高，社會和諧穩定，各項事業取得長足進步，為我國經濟建設事業的發展奠定了堅實的基礎。



HE'S NOT REALLY MY BROTHER - DAD AND I FOUND HIM YEARS AGO - ON THE GILA DESERT...



"IT WAS NIGHT AND THE STARS WERE OUT - I WAS HALF ASLEEP IN MY FATHER'S ARMS WHEN I BECAME AWARE OF A LOW WHISTLING - I WAS FRIGHTENED..."



IT COMES FROM OVER THERE? IN THE BRUSH?



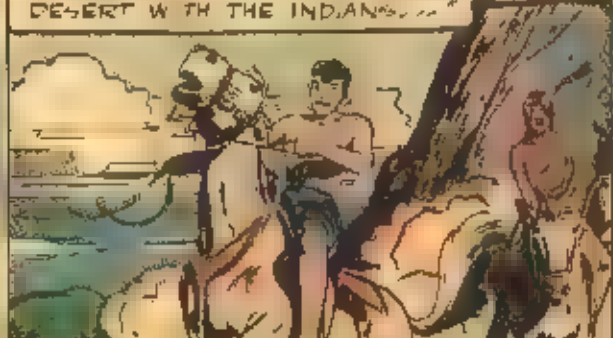
WHY? IT'S A BOY! HOW? ... WHERE DID YOU COME FROM, LAD?



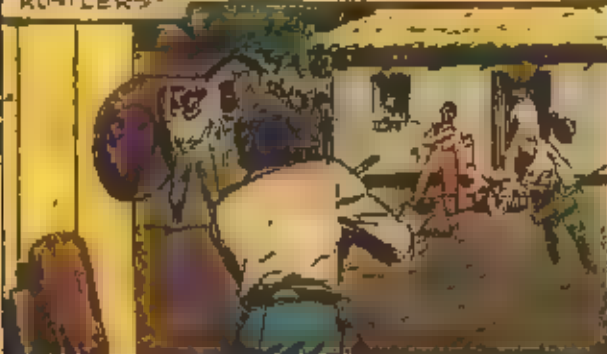
"AS IF HE WERE DROPPED FROM ONE OF THOSE TWINKLING STARS, WE NEVER LEARNED HOW OR FROM WHENCE HE CAME - HE GREW UP WITH ME - WHEN I WAS TWELVE HE SAVED ME FROM A RATTLESNAKE!"



"WE LOVED HIM DAD AND I BUT WE REALIZED HE WAS... WAS DIFFERENT. WILD - HE LIKED TO RIDE AND SHOOT AND WANDER THE DESERT WITH THE INDIANS..."

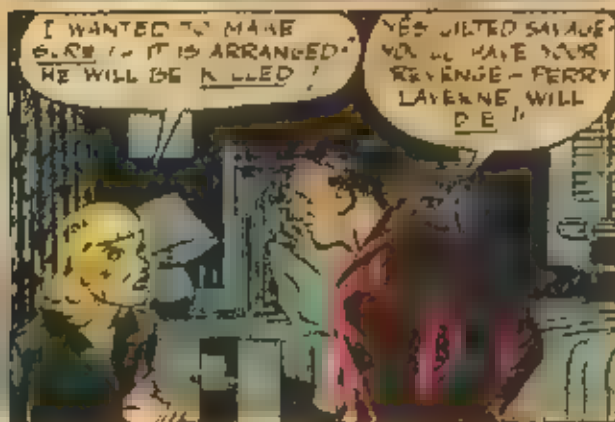


HIM PROWESS BECAME A LEGEND! AT SIXTEEN HE SINGLEHANDLEDY WIPED OUT A BAND OF RUSTLERS!



WITH AGE HIS VISITS HOME BECAME LESS AND LESS FREQUENT. HE ROAMED THE WORLD - TOOK TO FLYING - OCCASIONAL STORIES OF AMAZING DEEDS DRIFT HOME... BUT, THAT'S ALL WE KNOW -





AS THE BANDITS NEAR THE BORDER
FENTON FINDS OPPORTUNITY TO
SPEAK WITH CONCHO -

NICE WORK CONCHO!
TO AWAY WITH LAYERNE, AS
AGREED, AND ARRANGE FOR
ME TO RESCUE MISS SAUNDERS.
THEN YOU'LL BE PAID - HAND-
SOMELY! - YOU'RE SMART TO
DEAL WITH ME!

LIKE YOU, CONCHO DOUBLE-
CROSSES FOR PROFEET - I
HOLD YOU, THEES SENORITA
AND LAYERNE FOR
RANSOM -

BUT... BUT
YOU AGREED
TO KILL
LAYERNE?

CONCHO IS SMART!
YOU WILL PAY HANDSOMELY
FOR YOUR LIFE!

WHAT?!
WHAT DO YOU
MEAN?!

KILL THEE GOOSE THAT LAYS THEE
MOS' GOLDEN EGGS? NO! HE IS VEREE
RICH - YOU SAY YOURSELF - MUCH SOONER
I SHOOT YOU - A CHEAT CAUGHT IN
THEES OWN TRAP - &?

THAT EVENING CONCHO TALKS WITH HIS
CAPTIVES -

...THAT IS
THEE STORY - THIS PEE'S GIVE
ME A IDEA - NOW YOU ARE ALL
BEING HELD FOR RANSOM -

FENTON?
YOU...!

RANSOM NOTES ARE WRITTEN AND DAYS SLIP
BY - PAINFUL DAYS OF WAITING FOR SALLY
AND PERRY -

CONCHO GROWS NERVOUS -

I THINK THEES
MONEY IS NOT COMING -
THEE RADIO SHE
SAY -

SI! THEE
FOOLISH POLICE
ARE STOPPING
THEES
PAYMENTS!

THINGS ARE
GETTING
HOT! WE
CAN'T
KEEP
THEE
CAPTIVES

BUT THEY WILL
TALK - AN' EVERYBODY
WILL KNOW WHO
DID THEES JOB!

NO CARLOS - THEY WILL
NOT TALK - IF THEES
MONEY SHE DON'T COME
TOMORROW -

LISTEN
?!

A LOW PIERCING WHISTLING PENETRATES THE CAMP.

IT BEES THE WIND?

NO, CONCHO - EET HAS THEE MEE WEIRD TUNE! IT COMES FROM... FROM EVERYWHERE!

IN THE PRISON, PERRY AND GALLY ALSO HEAR...

WHISTLER !!

JUAN, PEPITO! GO SEE WHO MAKES THEE NOISE! STOP EET !!

JUAN AND PEPITO NEVER RETURN... THE WHISTLING PERSISTS THROUGH THE NIGHT...

EET GROWS DAYLIGHT!

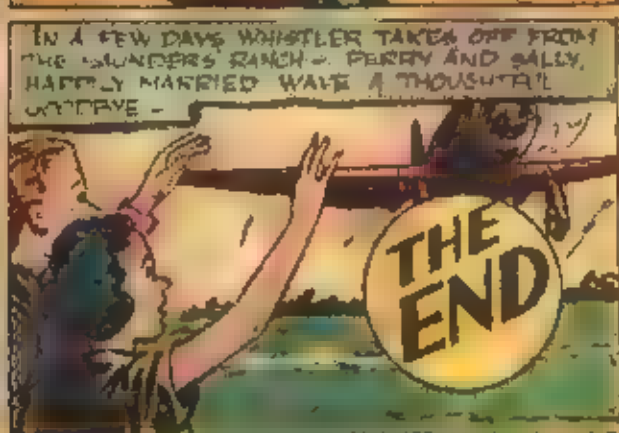
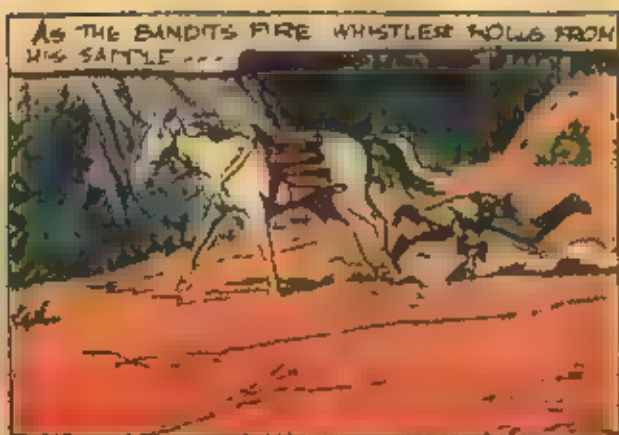
SADDLE THEE HORSES! WE GO FROM THEE DEVIL WHISTLING! PRONTO !!

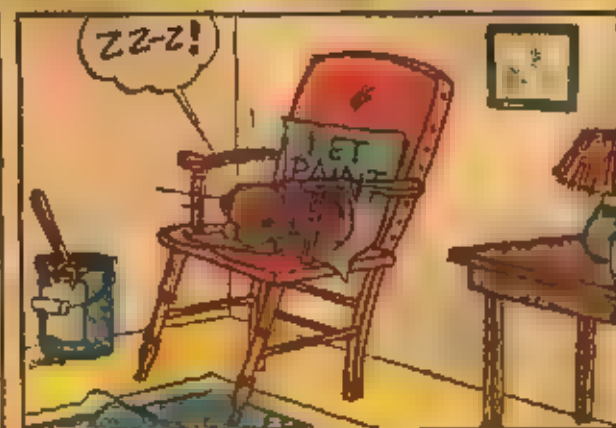
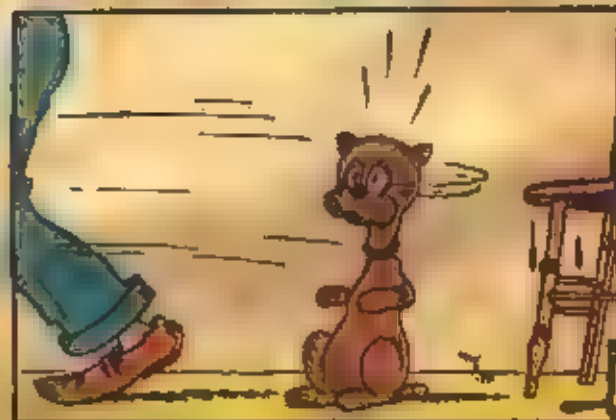
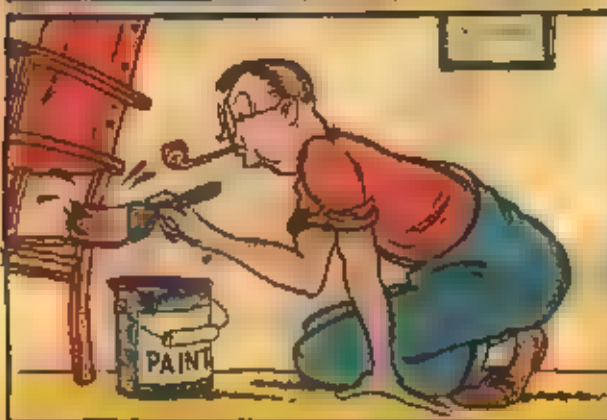
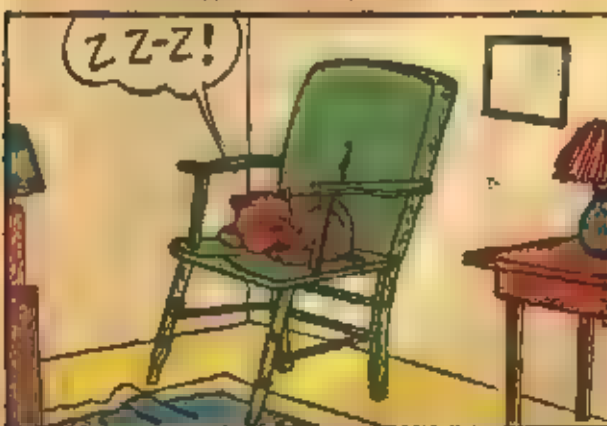
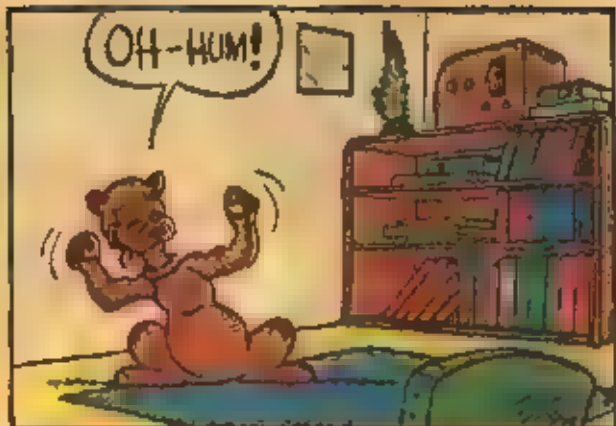
THEE PRISONERS MUST DIE! SHOOT THEM !!

AT THAT MOMENT THE WHISTLING STOPS! THE THUGS ARE PARALYZED BY THE STILLNESS.

LOOK !!

THE LONE RIDER SLOWLY DESCENDS THE SLOPE...





ZATARA

THE MASTER MAGICIAN

AND THE
"MASK"

BY FRED GUARDINEER

THE TIGRESS! I
WONDER WHAT SHE'S
UP TO? LET'S
ELBISIVNI!

RECENTLY RETURNED FROM ENGLAND ZATARA
DINES AT THE "ELSTORXO CLUB" WHERE
AMONG THE INCOMING CROWD HE NOTICES A
FAMILIAR FIGURE...

AND THE FAMOUS MAGICIAN BECOMES IN-
VISIBLE TO THE TIGRESS...

I'D LIKE A TABLE
NEAR THAT RED-
FACED MAN!

SOMETIME LATER ZATARA SEES-

-THE TIGRESS
EMPTY A VIAL
INTO THE WINE
GLASS OF THE
RED-FACED MAN-

MAKING A FAST
GETAWAY, EH
TIGRESS? WE'LL
SEE YOU LATER -

BE WITH YOU
IN A JIFFY,
BILL!

EB ELBAYOMMI
SSALG!



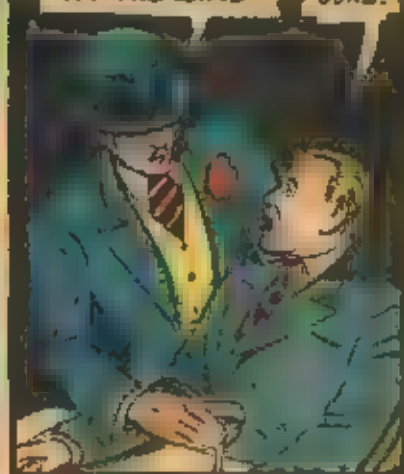
THE MAN CANNOT MOVE THE GLASS

I CAN'T MOVE IT!
I'VE GOT PARALYSIS OR
THE DTB! HELP!



IF YOU'LL PARDON
ME, PLEASE LOOK
AT THE WINE!

EH!
OH,
SURE.



THE MAGICIAN
EXPLAINS THAT
THE WINE IS
MURKY DUE TO
A STANCE LIQUID



I'M ED BURTON,
BANKER SO
YOU'RE ZATARA.
EH?

RIGHT I THINK
THE TIGRESS IS
PLANNING A
BIG COUP IF
MY HUNCH IS
CORRECT!



EFAS OG
YAWA!

WHAT'S
UP?



THE ALERT MAGICIAN HAS SEEN A FALLING SAFE



AND BY SWIFT ACTION SWEEPS IT AWAY IN
A GUST OF WIND—



YOU'RE A
GOOD MAN
TO HAVE
AROUND!

I'M INTERESTED
MORE IN WHAT
THE TIGRESS
PUT IN YOUR
DRINK!



I'D LIKE TO
HAVE THIS
ANALYZED!



MEANWHILE IN A RIVERSIDE
APARTMENT—

BURTON
WILL SOON
BE DEAD,
MASK!

IN CASE YOU FAILED
I ARRANGED FOR A
SAFE TO DROP ON
HIM SOON I SHALL
TAKE HIS PLACE
IN THE WORLD!



I SHALL BE PRESIDENT
OF THE MICHIGAN BANK
OF NEW YORK AND
HAVE MILLIONS OF
DOLLARS TO DRAW
ON — AS BURTON
HIMSELF! LOOK—
SEE MY NEW
MASK —



A PLASTIC SURGEON
MADE ME A FACE LIKE
BURTON'S I'VE LEARNED
ALL ABOUT HIM AND
I SHALL BE HIM — FOR
ALL THAT THE WORLD
KNOWS!



MARVELOUS!
I'D THINK
YOU WERE
HE THAT'S
SOME IMPER-
SONATION!

AND BACK IN THE CHEMIST SHOP—

IT'S A DRUG THAT
INDUCES PAINLESS
DEATH — ALMOST
INSTANTANEOUSLY!

AH, BUT I
WONDER WHY
ANYONE WOULD
WANT BURTON
DEAD!



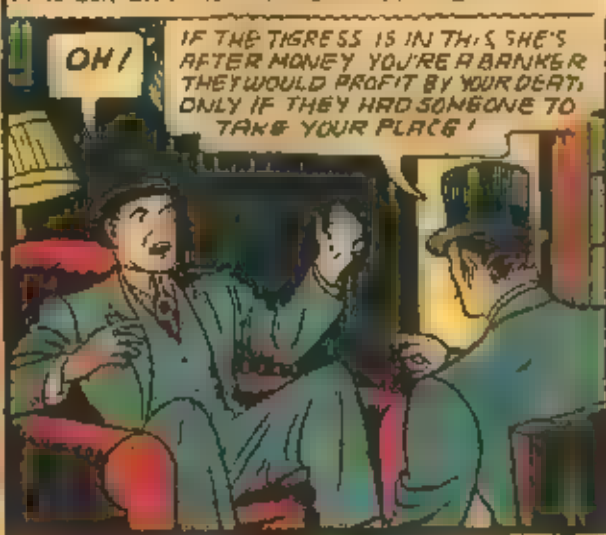
I'VE AN IDEA YOU'D
BE SAFEST HOME
EMOH EW OG!



AND BURTON FINDS HIMSELF IN HIS OWN HOME!

OH!

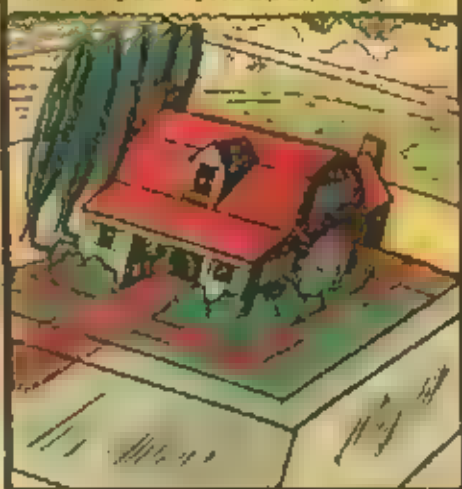
IF THE TIGRESS IS IN THIS SHE'S
AFTER MONEY YOU'RE A BANKER
THEY WOULD PROFIT BY YOUR DEATH
ONLY IF THEY HAD SOMEONE TO
TAKE YOUR PLACE!



I'M GOING TO SEAL YOU IN YOUR OWN HOME FOR SAFETY'S SAKE! SLLAW FO SSALG ESIRA!



ALL ABOUT BURTON'S HOME
INVISIBLE WALLS LIFT UP!



THE WALLS CAN'T STOP ZATARA HOWEVER

NOW FOR THE
TIGRESS!



THE SEARCH FOR THE TIGRESS BEGINS-



-AND ENDS OUTSIDE THE NIGHT BANK OF NEW YORK

NIGHT
BANK
OF
NEW YORK

I THOUGHT AS MUCH-
NOW TO PRELUDE MY
SUSPICIONS!



ZATARA ASSUMES BURTON'S
FACE AND FORM-

GOOD MORNING
MR BURTON!

GOOD
MORNING,
SIR!



BUT THE ELEVATOR BOY IS CURIOUS

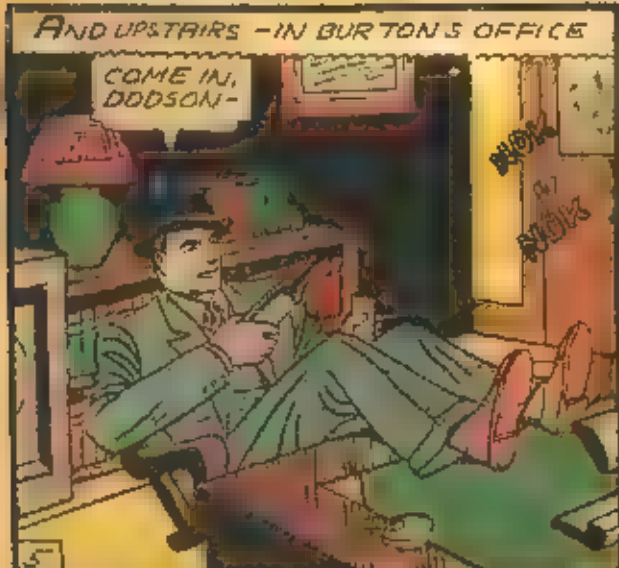
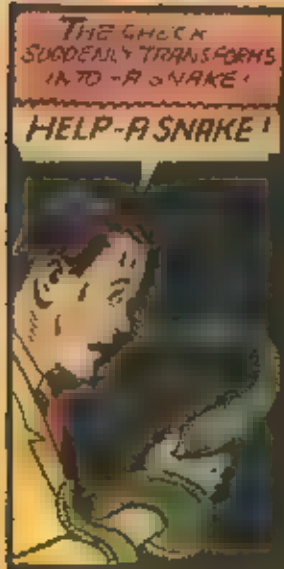
HOW'D YOU GET DOWN
STAIRS AGAIN MR BURTON?
I TOOK YOU UP ONLY A
MOMENT AGO!

AH!
THE
BACK
WAY!



IT IS AS I THOUGHT
THE REAL BURTON
IS AT HOME -
ALSO MR BURTON -
AND THERE IS ONE
IN BURTON'S
OFFICE!





YOU BET I'M GOING! — I
DON'T WANT TO
GO TO JAIL —

WHAT'S
UP?

BURTON'S ALIVE!
HE JUST CAME
UP TO HIS
OFFICE!

THAT'S
ODD I
DIDN'T
SEE HIM
ENTER THE
BANK!

THE MAGICIAN FOLLOWS THE CAR

I CAN INSTALL MY ELECTRICAL
PHONE CHARGER — CALL UP
THE REAL BURTON
AND KILL HIM!

GOOD —

BUT ZATARRA TOOK HER THE PHONE

ENOHP YATS SA
OUY ERA!

I-I CAN'T GET IT
OFF THE RECEIVER!

IT'S ZATARRA! ONLY
HE COULD DO THAT!
I'M SCREAMING!

THE DOOR SWINGS OPEN IN FRONT OF THE THREE!

OH-IT IS ZATARRA,
I'LL BET—

GOODBYE
TIGRESS-

HELP!

I'M GOING CRAZY I KNOW
IT - A DOOR OPENS BY
ITSELF - I CAN'T LIFT
MY OWN TELEPHONE

AND NOW MY OWN
PEN AND PAPER!

Burton -
Unless you
leave tonight
over, I shall
take your
punishment
into my own
hands
Lateram

I'LL GO, I'LL
GO!

AND I RATHER THINK
HE WILL GO 'NOW' TO SEE
THE REAL BURTON!

-AND THIS IS
THE CHECK HE
EMBEZZLED-

KEEP IT KEEP IT!
IT'S A LITTLE
REWARD!

NO - I NEVER DO THINGS
THAT WAY MR BURTON
THANKS JUST THE
SAME!

BUT INSTEAD OF LEAVING TOWN-

YOU'VE GOT TO
MAKE ME LOOK
LIKE ZATARA!
I TELL YOU!

YOU WISH A
FACE MASK
OF ZATARA?
COME IN!

YOU'RE SURE
IT WILL LOOK
ALL RIGHT?

YOU'D THINK YOU
WERE ZATARA
YOURSELF IF YOU
LOOK IN A
MIRROR!

I LOOK JUST
LIKE HIM!

DIDN'T I
TELL YOU?

THE FALSE ZATARA VISITS THE TIGRESS-

NO-NO, ZATARA!
I HAVEN'T DONE
ANYTHING
MUCH!

YOU DON'T KNOW ME,
EH? GOOD! I'M
THE MASK!

YOU CERTAINLY
FOOLED ME - AND
WILL BURTON
EVER BE
FOOLED!

THAT'S
WHAT I
FIGURE
ON!

ZATARA!
GLAD
YOU!

AND YOU TOO
MR BURTON!

I - I'M A LITTLE
HARD UP FOR
MONEY, SO I
THOUGHT -

BUT YOU RE-
FUSED THE
CHECK I WAS
GOING TO
GIVE YOU!

I - WELL, I THOUGHT
BETTER OF IT!



I DON'T MIND THIS BUT I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D DO SUCH A THING, ZATARA!

I HAVE TO LIVE!



WHILE THE FALSE ZATARA IS UP-STAIRS, THE TRUE ZATARA ENTERS MR BURTON'S BANK

STILL HERE, TIGRESS? WHAT ARE YOU UP TO NOW?

EEK!



SEE MASK YOU GAVE ME A START I THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT YOU REALLY WERE THE MAGICIAN!

MASK! MAGICIAN! WHAT IS THIS?



ZATARA PRETENDS TO BE THE MASK

WELL, DID YOU GET IT? THE CHECK?

OH OH - YES SEE!



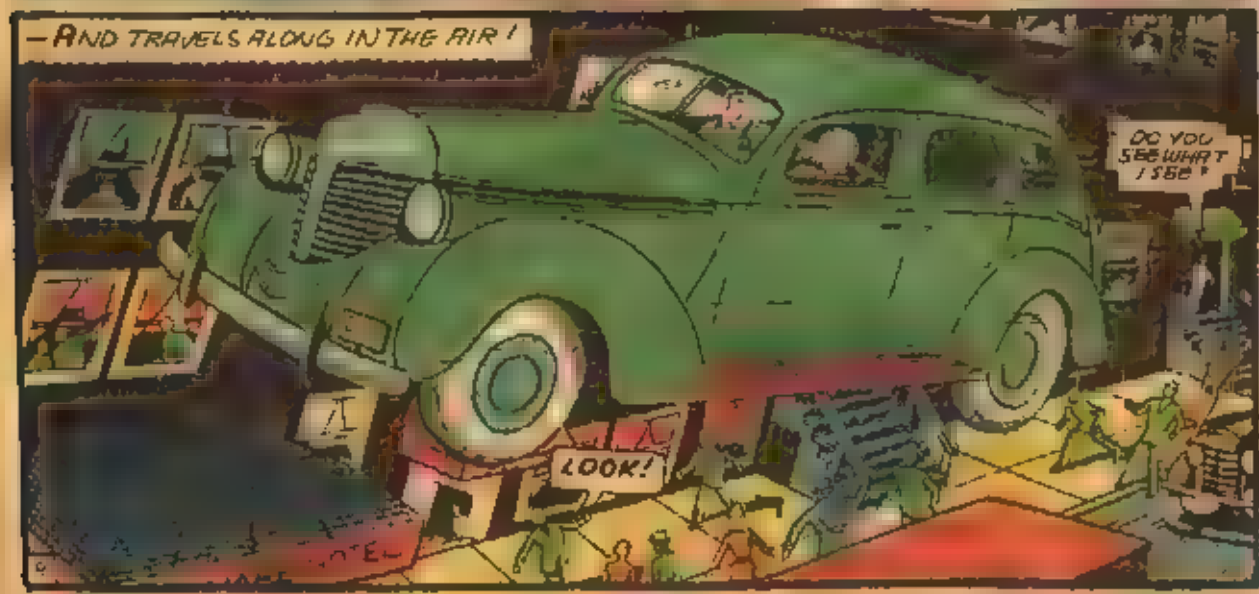
ZATARA REALIZES THE TRUTH AND PRETENDS TO SHOW THE TIGRESS A CHECK

THAT'S GREAT!

NOT AS GREAT AS YOU THINK - RAC ESIR PU!



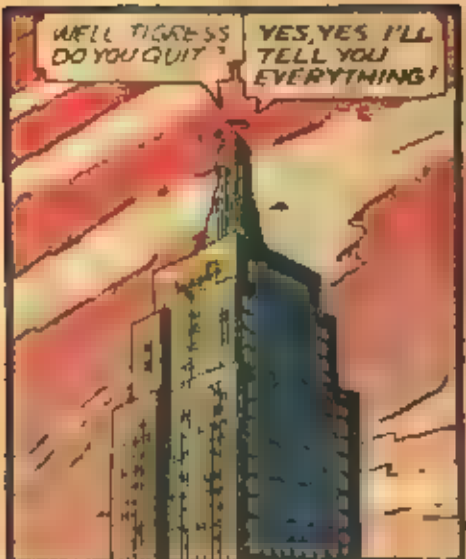
THE CAR RISES ABOVE TRAFFIC



- AND TRAVELS ALONG IN THE AIR!

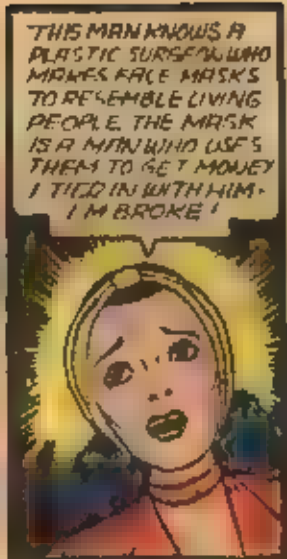
DO YOU SEE WHAT I SAY?

LOOK!



WELL TIGRESS DO YOU QUIT?

YES, YES I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING!



THIS MAN KNOWS A PLASTIC SURGEON WHO MAKES FACE MASKS TO RESEMBLE LIVING PEOPLE. THE MASK IS A MAN WHO USES THEM TO GET MONEY I TIED IN WITH HIM. I'M BROKE!



WILL YOU NEVER LEARN? RAC OG NWODI!



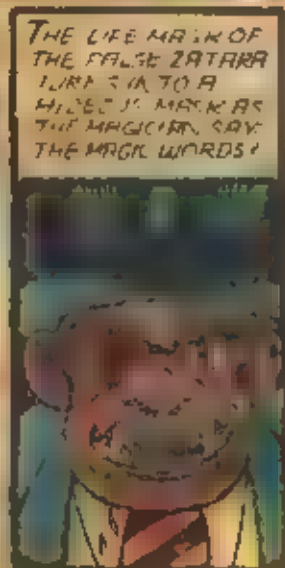
THE CAR RESUMES ITS PLACE ON THE STREET.

TAKE ME TO MEET THIS MASK!



THE MAGICIAN AND THE TIGRESS AND THE FALSE ZATARA AS HE LEAVES THE BANK.

KSAM EB ELYO GRAG!



THE LIFE MASK OF THE FALSE ZATARA TURNS INTO A HIDEOUS MASK AS THE MAGICIAN SAYS THE MAGIC WORDS!



THE BYSTANDERS ARE FRIGHTENED AS THEY SEE THE FACE AMONG THEM...

WOW!

"A DOCTOR JEKYLL AND MR HYDE?"

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THESE PEOPLE?



ARGH!

IT'S FRIGHTENED YOU SHOULD BE AND ASHAMED, GLARING PEOPLE LIKE THAT!



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